

Berriman McLaughlin

1776-1850



**Hampshire, Virginia
Butler, Pennsylvania
Harrison, Ohio
Scioto, Ohio
Greene, Illinois**

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Introduction

Meet my 4th great grandfather, Berriman McLaughlin. Berriman McLaughlin proved to be a challenge for many years. Eventually, I proved that Catharine McLaughlin Forrest was his youngest daughter;¹ the main motivation for this quest was to prove I am a descendant of his father, Daniel McLaughlin II, an American Revolutionary Patriot. This success awarded me another patriot ancestor at National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Once that was accomplished I moved on to other ancestors.

I have been thinking about Berriman lately and decided to write this story about him. I have a strong belief that my ancestors direct my goals for my genealogical research. I just have to listen for that small voice that says, “I am here, just come and I will help you find me.” In Berriman’s case, I found him years ago, but I want to finish his story. I have always been fascinated with his name. Some researchers say his grandfather, Daniel I, came from Scotland with two brothers, William and Berriman. The name, Berriman, has been passed down for several generations, so I am not the only one that has liked it.

It is through Berriman’s many land records that I have somewhat pieced together his travels. With an unusual name like, Berriman McLaughlin, it a good bet that if I find that name, it likely is my 4th great grandfather.

His wife, Caroline Catharine, is another challenging ancestor and I am hoping this study may reveal her parents names. Or a new question, are they two different wives of Berriman. I trust you will enjoy meeting this very interesting post Revolutionary couple.

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**My path to
Berriman McLaughlin
&
Catharine French**

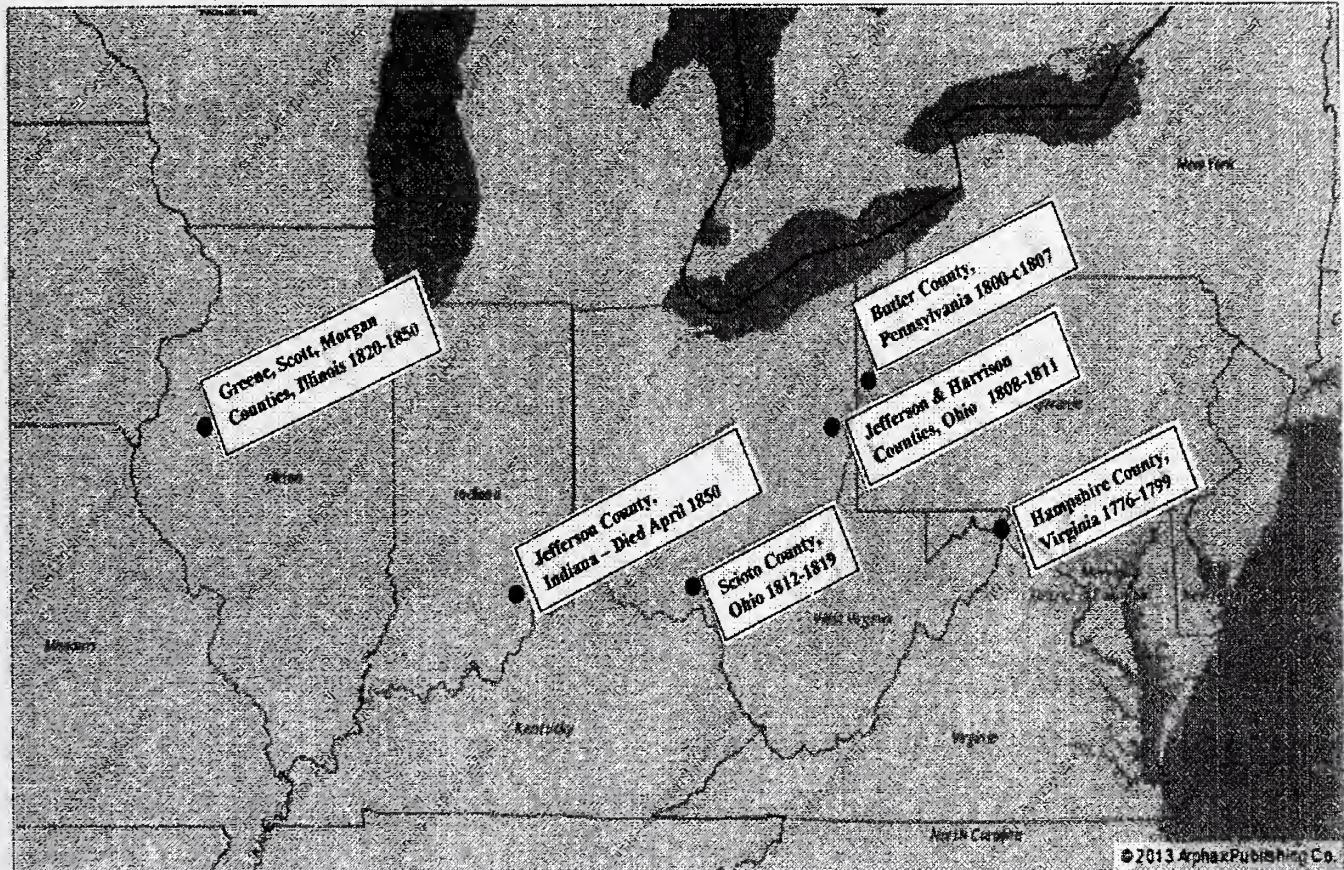
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Berriman McLaughlin's Life

Born 23 March 1776 Hampshire County, Virginia

Died 8 April 1850 Jefferson County, Indiana



Hampshire County, Virginia 1776-1799

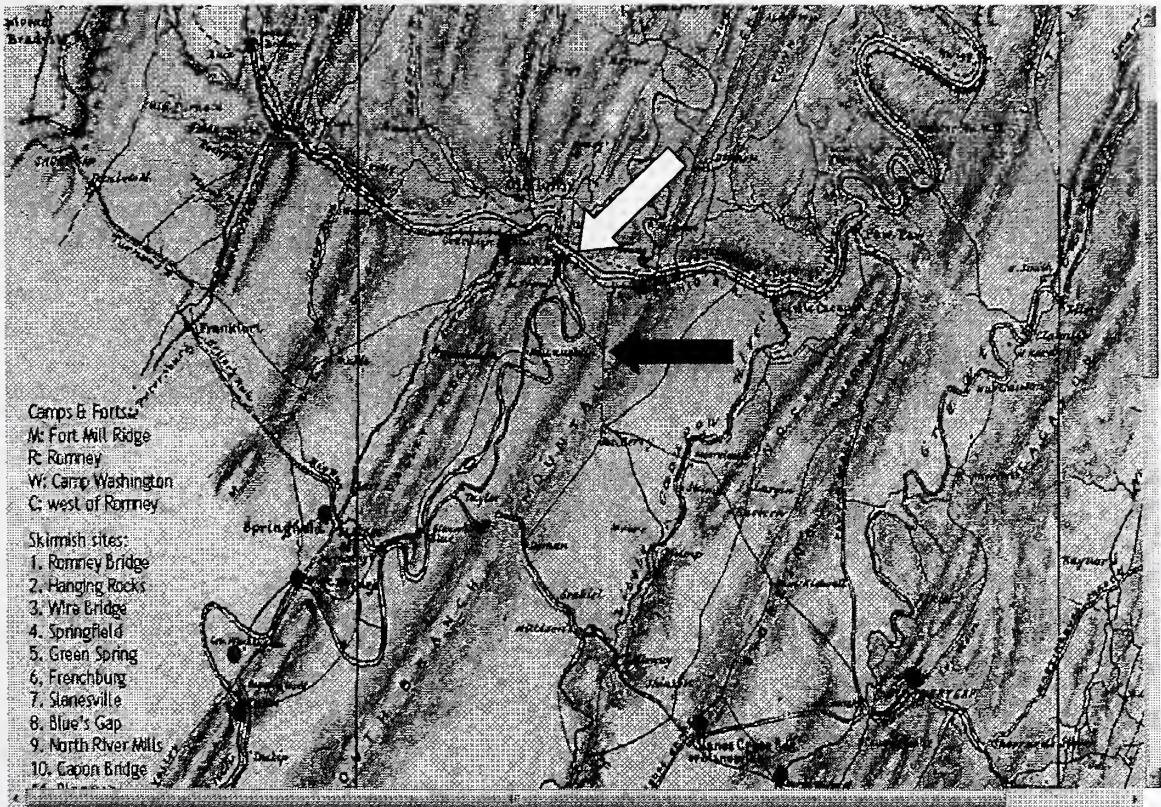
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Greene, Scott, Morgan Counties Illinois 1820-1850

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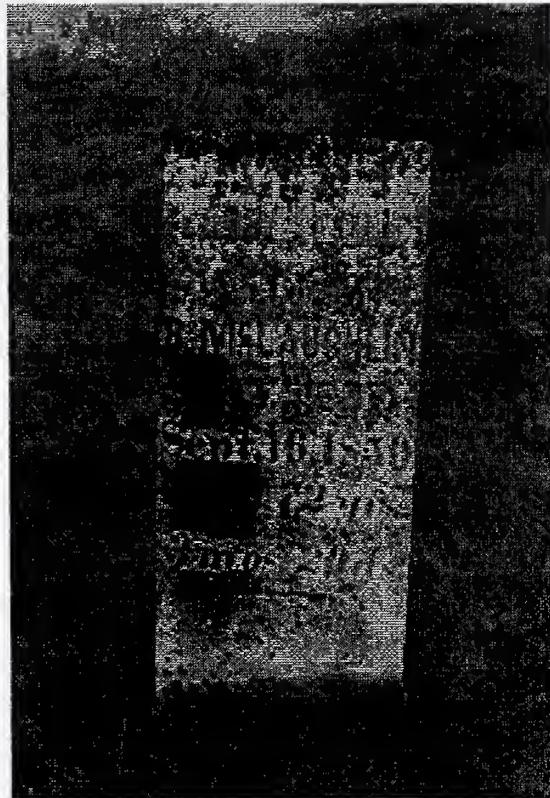


Where Berriman McLaughlin was born 23 March 1776 on the South Branch ←
of the Potomac River, **Hampshire County, Virginia**

Where the South Branch and North Branch of the Potomac merge ←

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This is the best headstone picture for my 4th great grandmother, Catharine McLaughlin, wife of Berriman McLaughlin² located in Baker Cemetery, Scott County, Illinois. What a mystery woman she is. My 3rd great grandmother, Catharine McLaughlin Forrest, is named for her.

Catharine
Wife Of
B. McLaughlin
Died
Sept. 16, 1850
Aged 72 yrs
3 mo 29ds



Catharine French McLaughlin 26 May 1778 - 16 September 1850

On May 26, 1778³ a baby girl was born in Pennsylvania. This child was destined to be one of my very mysterious ancestors. She fits perfectly the identity of so many 18th century women. They are known as someone's daughter, then someone's wife and finally as someone's mother. They are seldom known with an identity of their own. This is what makes them some of my favorite cases because they are so difficult to find.

In this case, Catharine is an extra special case as she is known as Caroline French on the birth records of her first two sons⁴ and then as Catharine after that. No one has found any record that tells us who her parents are, so her father's name is a mystery as well. Is she an orphan? Is she an abandoned child? Is she to be found in Pennsylvania where she says she was born? Is she to be found in Maryland where she is reported as marrying Beriman McLaughlin in August 1796?⁵ Is what we presume to be her history correct, or is it the passing down of various guesses? The only thing worse would be if we didn't even know her first name, which can happen as well. So I have to be content to tell you what I do know about Catharine. I call her Catharine, as this is what she is called on the many land transactions when she agreed to her dower rights being released.

She was the mother of twelve children with eleven of them growing to adulthood. In 1800 in Butler County, Pennsylvania there is a daughter that has no further record.⁶ The baby must have died after the census was taken. It is amazing that she bore and raised so many children and only lost one to childhood death. This alone is a worthwhile record for that rugged time in our history.

Catharine also seems to have been a good partner to her husband in the many land transactions and moving west to find new opportunities. Each move included more children to get ready, household things to pack, meals to prepare along the way, keeping everyone well and safe. Of course, the husband bore the responsibility of the actual moving and finding the correct trails, but the wife had to tend to a myriad of chores and responsibilities. It had to be the extreme test of a marriage. But our McLaughlin ancestors seem to have taken it in their stride and were quite successful at moving a large family through the wilderness. And then there was the work of establishing a new home after they arrived which had to be monumental. As you can see, I admire them very much.



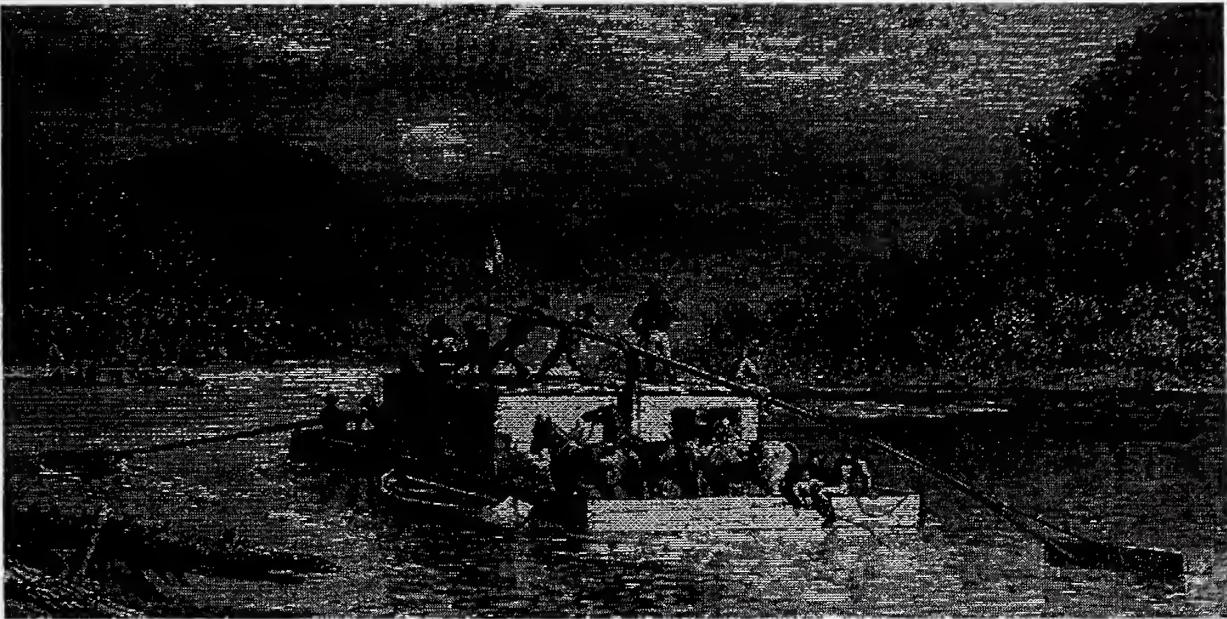
The idea initially for this story was to possibly find the names of her parents while learning what I could about her children. On the 1850 Greene County, Illinois census her birthplace is listed as Pennsylvania.⁷ Three of her children survived until 1880, and “where were your parents born” is a question the census taker asked in 1880. Those children were Daniel (1797-1889) and his answer was Virginia as the birthplace for both parents; Vianner (1810-1890) and her answer was Pennsylvania for her mother’s birthplace; and the third child alive in 1880, Catharine (1817-1904) and her answer was Pennsylvania for her mother’s birthplace.⁸ Since two out of three said Pennsylvania and Catharine herself said Pennsylvania, I feel sure that is where she was born. If I only knew what county I would have a good clue to finding her parents. But without a location it is impossible to do.

Catharine married Berriman McLaughlin in August 1796 in Maryland.⁹ Laney French married Berriman’s brother, William in 1799 in Maryland.¹⁰ It would seem Laney and Catharine could be related since they married brothers in the same place and near the same time. However, they are not sisters as Laney’s lineage is well documented, but they could be cousins. Catharine named her first son, Daniel, traditionally named after the father’s father, and named her second son, John, traditionally named after the mother’s father. This couple seemed to be the type to do the expected thing and that would include naming traditions for their children. I have looked for any John French that fits the area and time frame of her birth, to no avail.

William Gilbert Lafayette McLaughlin described how distraught Catharine McLaughlin was at the news of her husband’s death.¹¹ She only lived a few months after Berriman died.¹² At the time of her death she was living with her daughter, Vianner and her husband, Hiram Holliday in Greene County Illinois.¹³ After a lifetime of being his partner in all of the moves and trials and tribulations, Catharine was evidently devastated when her husband died. She is buried in Baker Cemetery, Scott County, Illinois.¹⁴

Until I can find the rest of her story I will have to be content with what I do know about her. That she was a lady born for her time and for her challenges is very evident.





Adventures of the McLaughlin Brothers In 1795

The following is a story written by *William Gilbert Lafayette McLaughlin*. He is the nephew of, Berriman and William McLaughlin, and son of their brother, Daniel McLaughlin III. Berriman is my 4th great grandfather. Although it is mostly about his brother William, I know Berriman was there and it gives me insight to his life before he became a husband and father – in other words when he was young, single, and carefree. I hope you enjoy a sneak peek into 1795. I will take editorial license in shortening the story.

“Uncle William and Berriman, after they came to years of maturity, [probably ca. 1795] went over to the Ohio River and engaged in flat boating as far down as Louisville KY. In those days there were many hostile tribes of Indians, all along the river, there had to be army posts at intervals along the river to look after them.

Uncle William went first to work on flat boating; his boat stopped at the Indiana shore opposite Louisville near what is now Jeffersonville. There was an army post at that place; the Indians were making a good deal of trouble at that point. They had to send out scouts to watch them and keep the post advised as to their whereabouts. The flatboat was tied up at this point, and the hands had not much to do; they would go out to the camp and spend the time with the soldiers. The principal scout was Washburn a very fleet footed man.

One day the officer in command ordered the chief scout (Washburn) to go out and reconnoiter and find out the locality of the Indians. Washburn asked if anyone would volunteer to go with him Uncle Wm. told him he would go. So



Washburn looked him over and says do you think you can run fast enough to get away from the Indians if they should give us chase, he says, "I don't know I am willing to try."

So they started and went cautiously through the thick forest and underbrush until the middle afternoon when suddenly they came upon the Indians who commenced shooting at them. They turned to run. Uncle William ran past Washburn and put his gun up by a tree and was going to shoot at the Indians, and Washburn says don't shoot keep your gun loaded or they will run you down if they know your gun is not loaded.

About this time a bullet from the Indians struck Washburn's powder horn and bursted it to pieces. By this time Washburn was quite a little distance ahead. Uncle William was soon passing him again. Washburn says, "get back to camp as quick as you can and I will do the best I can."

The Indians crowded Washburn so close he crawled into a dense thicket covered with pea vines, and there remained watch until morning. The Indians kept watch all night on the outside but would not venture in. Uncle William ran on into camp and told them what had happened. They would not believe him. He told them he would guide them to the place and prove his statement, in the morning a squad of men were sent out under the guidance of Uncle William. They came near the place where Washburn had concealed himself. They came upon the Indians and fired on them and killed a few of them and routed them. Washburn crawled out of the thicket very thirsty and hungry. The squad had brought water in their canteens, and something to eat, and Washburn took some refreshment, and told them that every word Uncle William had told them was true, and that he (Uncle) could out run any one he ever saw.

All hands returned to the camp and Uncle William remained there for sometime in camp and at the boat, and in the mean time other boats came in trading, like the one he was on. The soldiers and all hands were speaking of Uncle William's fast running. One of the boat crew that came in said they had a man that was never beaten in a foot race, so a bet was made, and Uncle William ran right away from him and looked back at him.

In those days they had to get upstream by what was called cordell. A strong cable was run upstream and made fast and the boat was pulled by a windlass on the bow of the boat and others would push with their pike poles if they could reach bottom; this was slow traveling. Some would walk home. No steam boats in those days."¹⁵



Berriman McLaughlin 23 March 1776 - 5 April 1850

One year after the Battle of Lexington took place in Lexington, Massachusetts, a baby boy was born in the rugged, mountainous country of northern Virginia in a place called Hampshire County.¹⁶ He was the second child of Daniel McLaughlin Jr. and his wife Mary Key.¹⁷ His older brother, William, was born in 1774.¹⁸ His father, Daniel McLaughlin enlisted in the Virginia Continental Line on 02 March 1777, when he was age twenty-two.¹⁹ I am quite sure Daniel's wife Mary, and the two little boys remained on the farm with the elder Daniel, and his wife, Rachel Anner. The Virginia counties of Hampshire, Berkeley, Botetourt, Dunmore and Prince Edward were the area where the 12th Virginia Regiment was organized.²⁰

Berriman could read and write as evidenced by the many land deeds he was involved in. "Early schools in Hampshire County were many purposed, being used for holding religious and political meetings as well as being a school house. The structure was usually of unhewn logs with cracks between more or less closed by puncheons and mortar. The floor was made of puncheons placed with the hewn side up, and the door made of clapboards. Somewhere in the wall a part of a log was left out and paper greased with lard served to close the aperture and let the light in. There was a huge chimney at one end large enough to accommodate a child or two on each side and yet have a roaring fire in the middle. Nor was the furniture more inviting than the building itself. The seats were made of split logs, hewn smooth on one surface, which was placed upward and supported by legs thrust into auger holes on the underside. These benches had no backs, and as they were rather high the position was not an easy one, especially for younger pupils, who sat all day dangling their tiny feet in vain effort to reach the floor."²¹ Little wonder that youngsters were glad when their school days were over.

At age twenty in August 1796, Berriman married Caroline French in Maryland.²² Hampshire County, Virginia is across the Potomac River from Allegany County, Maryland so this could be the place of marriage. On 10 September 1797, in Hampshire County the young couple had a son and named him Daniel.²³ On 1 June 1799, still in Hampshire County, they had their second son and named him John.²⁴ 21 December 1801 a third son was born and he was named William.²⁵

The 1800 Butler County, Pennsylvania census shows Burymon McLaughlin there.²⁶ According to the tax list of 1803 they were in Connoquenessing Township Butler County Pennsylvania which is in west central Pennsylvania slightly north of



Pittsburgh.²⁷ However, when I found Berriman on the 1800 census in Butler County, Pennsylvania, it created a bit of a mystery that I cannot solve. On that census, Berriman and his wife have two boys and a girl all under age 10. These children are Daniel, John, and a little daughter. This little girl would have been born about 1800, and must have died after that census as there is no further record of her.

The bigger mystery is that the third son William always stated that he was born in Pennsylvania, but I found the Hampshire County list of births and he is listed as being born there, as the son of Berriman and Caroline French McLaughlin.²⁸ The only explanation I can think of is that the McLaughlin's returned to Hampshire, Virginia from Butler, Pennsylvania for some reason, while Caroline was pregnant, and William was born there. It is something we will never know.

By the time Berriman left Pennsylvania he had four sons. They were Daniel (born 1797) John (born 1799) William (born 1801) and Isaac (born 1804).²⁹

I was able to determine why Berriman was in this rugged western area of Pennsylvania. Through land records it became evident that Berriman was in contact with James Johnson.³⁰ Berriman's father had Johnson ½ brothers from his mother's first marriage and there were many Johnsons in this part of Pennsylvania. There were many Johnsons that went from western Pennsylvania to Jefferson/Harrison Counties, Ohio, as well.³¹ Of course, the answer to this question created many more questions, and I must be content to tell you what I have found not what I wonder about.

Berriman's land, patented to him in 1804, in Butler County, Pennsylvania was bordered by land patented to James Johnson and William Johnson, Jr. All of these men received their land patents within a year of each other.³²

Berriman McLaughlin's grandmother was Rachel Aner Disbury Johnson McLaughlin.³³ James Johnson, mentioned above, named a daughter Rachel and a son Disberry.³⁴ Daniel McLaughlin named a daughter Aner.³⁵ I think this explains the early connection of Berriman to James Johnson. James was possibly Berriman's uncle. Perhaps, the personality of the two men was similar and being trail blazers was a common trait, while Berriman's brothers seemed content to stay in Hampshire County, Virginia or no further than across the Potomac in Maryland.

When Berriman McLaughlin went to Butler County Pennsylvania the area was in the process of being settled after the Revolutionary War. It was wild and



unimproved land and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was encouraging people to move west and begin to improve the area. To accomplish this, land was offered for a very “reasonable” price. What else could entice men to move their families to an area that was primitive, un-cleared and dangerous? Berriman paid \$35.07 for four hundred and twenty two acres. Connoquenessing Township was one of the four townships of Butler County in 1800.³⁶ It was named for the creek by the same name which was an Indian word meaning “for a long way straight”.³⁷ This was the land Berriman and his wife moved to before 1800.³⁸ The first known white settlers were here in 1792, and less than eight years later our family arrived.

I have received Berriman’s land warrant and patent from the Pennsylvania State Archives.³⁹ Both documents indicate the closeness of Berriman to the Johnsons. He was an original land owner in the western county of Butler, Pennsylvania in 1804.⁴⁰ The chronological list of Berriman’s land records will illustrate why I have come to these conclusions.

The lure of the Northwest Territory was a strong one and the McLaughlins were no exception to the western movement. Their stay in Butler County was short lived. However, what I found on the microfilm of Butler County land deeds created a final mystery about Berriman’s short stay there. On the land deed dated June 21 1804, there was no dower release statement signed by a wife.⁴¹ It was the law that wives sign a release of their 1/3 interest in the land the husband owned. So either Berriman’s wife had died and he had not remarried yet, or it was a big oversight in the part of the Butler County officials.

So I am handed another big mystery to try to solve. If Berriman’s first wife (Caroline) had died, then his son Isaac would be the son of the second wife, Catharine.

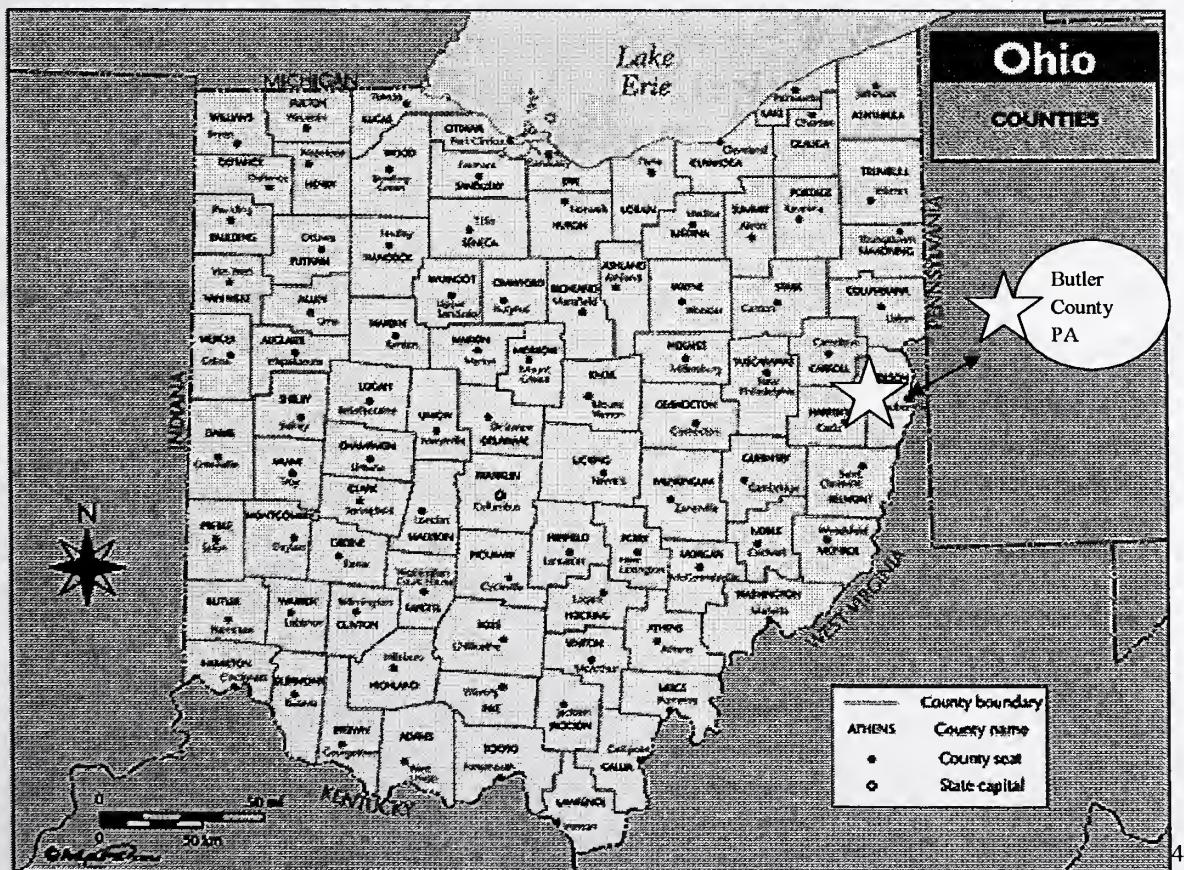




I am not sure, nor is anyone else, the route the family took from Butler County Pennsylvania to Jefferson County, Ohio. I am guessing that they traveled The National Road. It was the main route used in the early 1800's and they would have traveled from Butler County to near Pittsburg to start and it would have taken them to Jefferson County, Ohio. It would be around sixty to eighty miles, covering rugged and rough terrain and crossing the Ohio River at Wheeling, Virginia. The National Road became part of US Highway 40 in 1920.⁴³ Proving once again, there is "nothing new under the sun".

The post Revolutionary era was an explosion of people moving, and going mostly west where there was the vast expanse of land won in the Revolutionary War. Our McLaughlin ancestors joined in the westward movement, and they didn't stop until reaching the far western counties of Illinois.

Catharine's responsibility was to bear and raise children and all of the other hundreds of hard physical jobs to maintain a pioneer family. Berriman's responsibility was to buy and sell land and continually look for new opportunity for the family. The children's responsibility was to start working at an early age to help their father farm and help in the big job of moving, which they did quite often.





In 1807 Berriman McLaughlin was in Freeport Township, Jefferson County, Ohio and bought land there from the Federal Government.⁴⁵ The McLaughlins were in Ohio within four years after it became the 17th State, in 1803. The original area of Jefferson County was soon becoming newly established counties as the area developed. Harrison County was formed from Jefferson and the McLaughlins lived in that area. The area where they lived later was part of a new county named Tuscarawas. You can see why we have to learn the genealogy of the counties to know where records may be found for our ancestors.

Berriman became an experienced land buyer, seller, and owner. He bought and sold many parcels of land in eastern Ohio.⁴⁶ I have studied many of these early Ohio land transactions and they can be complicated and confusing. Understanding the surveys of the land and the land parcel's description is a science of its own.

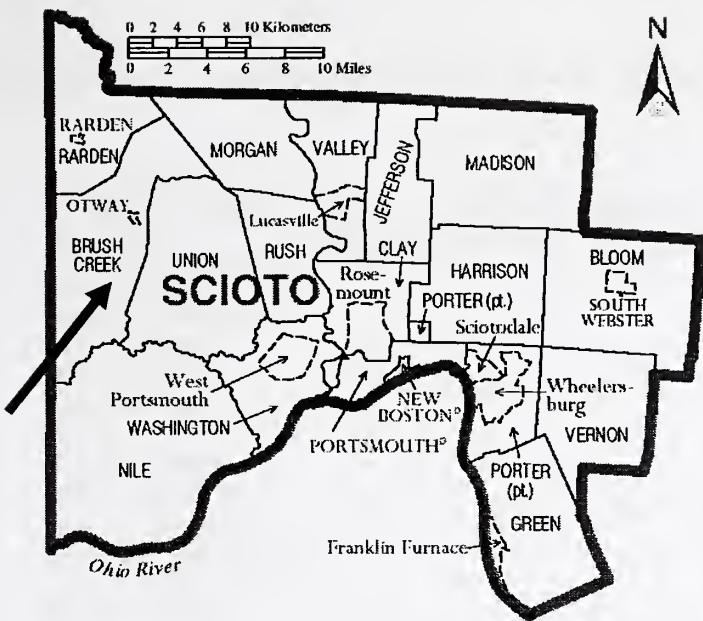
"Harrison County, Ohio in 1807 was a wild area of rich and hilly land. It contained few settlers and was inhabited by wolves, panthers and other wild animals. The Indians were also numerous, and would come in parties to trade with the white pioneers."⁴⁷

Four daughters were born during the time the family lived in Jefferson/Harrison/Tuscarawas Counties. They were Mary in 1807, Elizabeth in 1809, Vianner on 4 August 1810 and Sarah in 1811.⁴⁸

In 1813 Berriman McLaughlin was living in Scioto County, Ohio.⁴⁹ He served in the company of Lt. David Storer from July 28, 1813 to August 28, 1813. David Storer was a Lieutenant in the 1st Regiment (Jacob Noel's) Ohio Militia and this regiment served as a backup force at Fort Meigs during the War of 1812.⁵⁰ Patriotic service was in Berriman's genes, plus it was the expected thing for males at that time. Although I have not found that he was involved in any battles in the War of 1812, he did serve.

By the time Berriman was serving in the 1st Regiment Ohio Militia he was the father of four sons and five daughters. Even though he was gone only a month in time, Catharine must have felt a great deal of stress. It is when discovering these details that I can picture the personalities of this couple.





Scioto County Ohio - The McLaughlin Home 1813-182_?

Scioto County, Ohio was in the Virginia Military District. This part of Ohio was set aside as land for Virginia Revolutionary veterans and originally it belonged to the State of Virginia.

Having the warrant to the land did not necessarily mean the man wanted to move to the area involved, or perhaps his family was not in a position to undertake the long arduous move. For whatever personal reason, he could sell his land warrant to an "assignee". By studying his land transactions I have determined that Berriman came to Scioto County after buying the warrant for land from Daniel Easley, a neighboring resident in Harrison County, Ohio. Daniel Easley was an assignee of Nathaniel Terry and Berriman McLaughlin was an assignee of Daniel Easley.⁵¹ Berriman sold several land parcels from that 1,000 acre warrant; the description always explains it was originally warranted to Nathaniel Terry. I find these early Ohio land transactions so fascinating, as I can almost see a story of the people unfold as I study them.

I have briefly researched Nathaniel Terry and found that he didn't come to Ohio but that he stayed in Virginia after the Revolutionary War. He certainly is well known in Ohio, as people bought and sold land that was originally warranted to him in Ohio. You can see why I am fascinated with Ohio land records.

Berriman was a very busy man from 1813 to 1825/1827 in Scioto County, Ohio. I have transcribed his many land deeds and have learned he was a wise and active land dealer. Elsewhere in this story I have listed a chronological list of



Berriman's land transactions. It is an impressive list and I probably don't have all of them.

Taxpayer	West	East	1809	1810	1811	1812	1813	1814	1815	1816	1817	1818	1819	1820
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Massie, Nathaniel*	X												X	
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Mathews, Charles L.* and George & Archer	X												X	
McCall, Salmon									X					
McCall, Solomon*	X												X	
McCall, William	X												X	
McCartney, Daniel		X	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X											
McClain, William	X												X X X X	
McCormack, John	X												X	
McDonald, William*		X											X	
McDowell, John & Wm.	X		L										X	
McKinney, Daniel Jr.	X	X	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X											
McKinney, Daniel Sr.	X		X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X											
McKinney, Mary	X												X	
McKinney, Theodore A.		X											X X X X X X	
McLaughlin, Berryman	X								X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X					
McMullin, Daniel		X							L					
Nelson, Jessie	X												X	
Menkle, Ezra	X								X					
Mercer, Levi		X							L					
Merritt, Hezekiah*	X		X X X X X X X X X X X X (to Pike) X										X	
Miles, Frederick W.	X												X	
Miles, Sarah K.	X												X	
Millar, Abraham	X	X	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X											
Millar, Cornelius	X		X X X X X X											
Millar, John W.	X	X	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X											
Miller, heirs of James*	X												X	
Miller, Thomas P.		X											X	

This Scioto County Taxpayer List pretty much documents Berriman's time in that county. He first paid taxes in 1814 and last paid taxes in 1820. The "X" under West means his land was part of the Virginia Military Tract.

There is no doubt in my mind that the McLaughlin family trekked from Harrison County, Ohio to Scioto County, Ohio on Zane's Trace.





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Zane's Trace from Wheeling, Virginia to Maysville, Kentucky crossing the Muskingum, Licking and Scioto Rivers⁵⁴

In Scioto County the McLaughlins added the last three children to their family. Susan in 1813, Catharine in 1817, and Josephus in 1820.⁵⁵ As active and well established as Berriman and Catharine were, Scioto County was not to be their final home. But this is the area that most of their children grew to adulthood and some married there. Some stayed in Scioto County when the parents moved further west, and some died there.

Berriman and Catharine saw the death of five of their children. Their sons, John, Isaac, and daughters, Mary, Elizabeth, and Sarah.⁵⁶ I will include a short report of the children, and their families as part of this story. It is impossible to know how many descendants there may be of Berriman and Catharine McLaughlin, but I am sure it numbers in the thousands,

I am lucky to have found Steven McLaughlin and he kindly printed a copy of his book even though it had been out of print for several years. This book is a huge collection of McLaughlin descendants of the original Daniel and Rachel Disbury Johnston McLaughlin.⁵⁷

This is where I found a first person account of Berriman dying in Jefferson County, Indiana.⁵⁸ Berriman's nephew, William Gilbert Lafayette McLaughlin, wrote of his father, Daniel McLaughlin. Daniel was Berriman's brother, and he was visiting Daniel in Jefferson County, Indiana at the time of his death.⁵⁹ William G L McLaughlin was sent to Scott County, Illinois to take Uncle Berriman's personal effects home to the family in Illinois.⁶⁰ William G L didn't give a great deal of detail concerning Berriman's death, but it was better than no details.

Without it, all we would know today is that Berriman died. It is very likely that Berriman was buried in Jefferson County, Indiana, but there is no record of that location. Among the probate records for Berriman's estate is the notation that "\$32.13 was returned from Indiana after the funeral".⁶¹



In conclusion, I have not learned as much about Berriman McLaughlin as I would like, but what I have learned, I am grateful for. I believe people are born for their specific time and his was to look forward and move west. It is hard to imagine the world after the American Revolution that shaped his personality.

His father, Daniel McLaughlin, a proud Revolutionary patriot, was content to stay in Virginia and farm his land and live the remainder of his life. But his second son, Berriman, had the wanderlust that was so evident in the generation after the Revolution. This particular child of the Revolution had to see what was over the mountain, across the river, and down the trail.

His last trip was a visit to his younger brother, Daniel McLaughlin, and his family in Jefferson County, Indiana.⁶² He was age seventy-four when he took this trip, and he was not satisfied to sit still even in old age. What diverse country he traveled in his lifetime, from the rugged mountainous region of Hampshire County, Virginia to the farmlands of western Illinois.

I am very proud of my 4th great grandfather. He was born, in Virginia, during the American Revolution and died in Indiana, in the middle of the great country it produced. He did all that was expected of him. He found ways to support his large family, learned to be a very active land dealer, dealt with the trials as the father of twelve children, and left a bit of himself in his progeny. Is his story complete? Not at this time, however I am glad to have found some of his story. I am blessed to have learned just a little bit about his life and what kind of man he was.



Berriman's last home was in Greene County, Illinois





Research Timeline

for Berriman MC LAUGHLIN-4405 (1776-1850)

30 Aug 2014

		Birth	23 Mar 1776	South Branch Farm, Springfield Twp, Hampshire, Virginia
		Birth	26 May 1778	(2) , Pennsylvania
		Married	Aug 1796 (20)	, Maryland
Berriman MC LAUGHLIN-4405				
Sp: Catharine (Caroline) FRENCH-4408 (1776-1850)				
Berriman MC LAUGHLIN-4406				
Sp: Catharine (Caroline) FRENCH-4406				
Ch 1: Daniel MC LAUGHLIN-4422 (1797-1889)		Birth	10 Sep 1797 (21)	South Branch Farm, Springfield Twp, Hampshire, Virginia
Ch 2: John MC LAUGHLIN-4423 (1799-1849)		Birth	1 Jun 1799 (23)	Prob Springfield Twp, Hampshire, Virginia
Ch 3: Baby Girl MC LAUGHLIN-7375 (1800-)		Birth	Abt 1800 (23)	Butler, Pennsylvania
Ch 4: William MC LAUGHLIN-4424 (1801-1875)		Birth	21 Dec 1801 (25)	Butler, Pennsylvania
Ch 6: Isaac MC LAUGHLIN-4426 (1805-1860)		Birth	Abt 1805 (28)	Butler, Pennsylvania
Ch 6: Mary MC LAUGHLIN-4430 (1807-1837)		Birth	Abt 1807 (30)	Harrison, Ohio
Ch 7: Elizabeth MC LAUGHLIN-4751 (1809-1846)		Birth	Abt 1809 (32)	Harrison, Ohio
Ch 8: Vianner MC LAUGHLIN-4425 (1810-1890)		Birth	4 Aug 1810 (34)	Harrison, Ohio
Ch 9: Sarah MC LAUGHLIN-4429 (1811-1831)		Birth	Abt 1811 (34)	Harrison, Ohio
Ch 10: Susan MC LAUGHLIN-4428 (1813-1874)		Birth	16 Feb 1813 (36)	Scioto, Ohio
Ch 11: Catharine MC LAUGHLIN-72 (1817-1904)		Birth	17 Apr 1817 (41)	Portsmouth, Scioto, Ohio
Ch 1: Daniel MC LAUGHLIN-4422		Married	1 May 1817 (41)	Scioto, Ohio
Elizabeth UTT-4431 (1798-1886)				
Ch 12: Josephus MC LAUGHLIN-4427 (1820-)		Birth	Abt 1820 (43)	Scioto, Ohio
Ch 2: John MC LAUGHLIN-4423		Married	8 Sep 1825 (49)	Scioto, Ohio
Virilinda WILCOXON-4432 (1799-1835)				
Ch 4: William MC LAUGHLIN-4424		Married	17 Jan 1826 (49)	Scioto, Ohio
Mary Ann PERRIN-4433 (1808-1865)				
Ch 6: Mary MC LAUGHLIN-4430		Married	13 Apr 1826 (50)	Scioto, Ohio
John VASTINE-4440 (-1842)				
Ch 8: Vianner MC LAUGHLIN-4425		Married	May 1830 (54)	Pike, Illinois
Thomas DEVITT-4435 (1805-1839)				
Ch 9: Sarah MC LAUGHLIN-4429		Married	Jun 1830 (54)	Pike, Illinois
William FOREMAN-4437 (1800-1881)		Died	Feb 1831 (54)	Illinois
Ch 8: Sarah MC LAUGHLIN-4428		Married	26 Jun 1831 (55)	Pike, Illinois
Ch 7: Elizabeth MC LAUGHLIN-4751				
Elisha PETTY-4752 (1803-1843)				
Ch 10: Susan MC LAUGHLIN-4428		Married	31 Jul 1831 (55)	Pike, Illinois
William FOREMAN-4437				



31 Aug 2014

Research Timeline for Berriman McLAUGHLIN (1776-1850)

	Married	30 Oct 1831 (56)	Scioto, Ohio
Ch 5: Isaac McLAUGHLIN Angelina SMITH (-1850)	Died	Bef 1837 (60)	
Ch 6: Mary McLAUGHLIN	Married	7 Sep 1837 (61)	Morgan, Illinois
Ch 11: Catharine McLAUGHLIN	Married	21 Sep 1839 (63)	Scott, Illinois
William FORREST (1811-1892)	Married	21 Jan 1840 (63)	Scott, Illinois
Ch 8: Vianner McLAUGHLIN	Married	7 Nov 1844 (68)	Pike, Illinois
Hiram HOLLIDAY (1798-1862)	Died	1846 (69)	Pike, Illinois
Ch 12: Josephus McLAUGHLIN	Died	4 Aug 1849 (73)	Ohio
Victoria PEAK (1823-1908)	Died	Bef 1850 (73)	Scioto, Ohio
Ch 7: Elizabeth McLAUGHLIN	Died	8 Apr 1850 (74)	Jefferson, Indiana
Lyman B. DARRROW (-)	Died	16 Sep 1850	Greene, Illinois
Ch 7: Elizabeth McLAUGHLIN	Died	Aft 1854	Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California
Ch 2: John McLAUGHLIN	Died	27 Jan 1874	Milmine, Piatt, Illinois
Ch 5: Isaac McLAUGHLIN	Died	23 Dec 1875	
Berriman McLAUGHLIN	Died	11 Sep 1889	Scott, Illinois
Sp: Catharine (Caroline) FRENCH	Died	15 Mar 1880	Greenfield, Greene, Illinois
Ch 12: Josephus McLAUGHLIN	Died	4 Feb 1904	Agency, Wapello, Iowa
Ch 10: Susan McLAUGHLIN			
Ch 4: William McLAUGHLIN			
Ch 1: Daniel McLAUGHLIN			
Ch 8: Vianner McLAUGHLIN			
Ch 11: Catharine McLAUGHLIN			



Chronology of Berriman McLaughlin Land Transactions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Land Description</u>	(Plus Associated Others)
						<u>Comments</u>
16 Jan 1804	Butler Co PA	Pennsylvania	Berriman McL.	7lb per 100 acres	400 acres N & W of the Ohio & Allegheny, & Conawago Cr Adjoining Wm Johnst, Samuel Parks, Francis Budys, Wm Stein	Land Warrant
26 May 1804	Butler Co PA	Pennsylvania	Berriman McL.	\$35.07 422 acres	Tract called "HOPE" on Conequennsening Twp, Butler Co by Samuel Parks, Francis Boyce, William Steen	Land Patent
22 Jun 1804	Butler Co PA	Berriman McL.	Wm Nethercoat	\$100.00 100 acres	100 acres bounded by Wm Steen, James Johnston, B. McLaughlin, Francis Boyes	Deed Book A Pg 31 FHL 1434214
					NO DOWER RELEASE STATEMENT	
13 Nov 1807	Range 6 Ohio Jefferson Co	United States	Israel French, Jr of Frederick Co MD	Full Payment	SW 1/4 S17 T8 R6 above the mouth of KY River	Land Patent
7 Jan 1808	Range 6 Ohio Jefferson Co	United States	Israel French, Sr of Belmont Co OH (possible relative?)	Full Payment	NW 1/4 S17 T8 R6 above the mouth of KY River	Land Patent
22 Dec 1808	Jefferson Co OH	United States	Berriman McL.	Full Payment	NE 1/4 S19 T12 R7 above the mouth of KY River	Land Patent
30 Jul 1812	Jefferson Co OH	United States	William Johnson of James	Full Payment	NE 1/4 S23 T12 R7 above the mouth of the KY River	Land Patent (possible relative?)



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Chronology of Berriman McLaughlin Land Transactions (Plus Associated Others)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Land Description</u>	<u>Comments</u>
9 Aug 1814	Scioto Co OH	Daniel Easley & Edith his wife Harrison Co OH	Berryman McL	\$1,200.00	300 acres part of survey of 1000 acres to Nathaniel Terry original patentee	Scioto Deed Book D Pgs 257-259 FHL 292655
1 Jun 1815	Harrison Co OH	United States	James Johnson, Sr of Full Tuscarawas Co OH (possible relative?)		NW 1/4 S23 T12 R7	Land Patent
30 Aug 1816	Harrison Co OH	United States	Daniel Easley, assignee of Berriman Payment McL Berriman moved to Scioto Co by 1813	Full	NW 1/4 S13 T12 R7	Land Patent
10 Sep 1817	Scioto Co OH	Berryman McL & Wife Catherine	Thomas Reeves	\$200.00	30 acres part of Patent # 486 to Nathaniel Terry aligned with Williamson	Scioto Deed Book E Pgs 446-47 FHL 292656
30 Sep 1817	Scioto Co OH	Berriman McL & wife Catherine	John Wilcoxon (his daughter Verlinda married Berriman's son John 8 Sep 1825 in Scioto Co)	\$800.00	100 acres on the Scioto River aligned with Nathaniel Terry survey	Deed Book F No. 2 Page 570 FHL 292656
4 Oct 1817	Scioto Co OH	Berryman McL et ux (and wife) Katherine	Francis Williamson et alii (and others) heirs of Joseph Williamson died 1812	\$160.00	40 acres aligned with Cornelius \ Williamson's land part of Nathaniel Terry patent	Scioto Deed Book E Pgs 31-32 FHL 292656
4 Oct 1817	Scioto Co OH	Berryman McL & wife Katherine	Cornelius Williamson (possibly uncle of Joseph Williamson)	\$40.00	10 acres on the River Scioto aligned with Thomas Reeves	Scioto Deed Book E Pgs 33-34 FHL 292656



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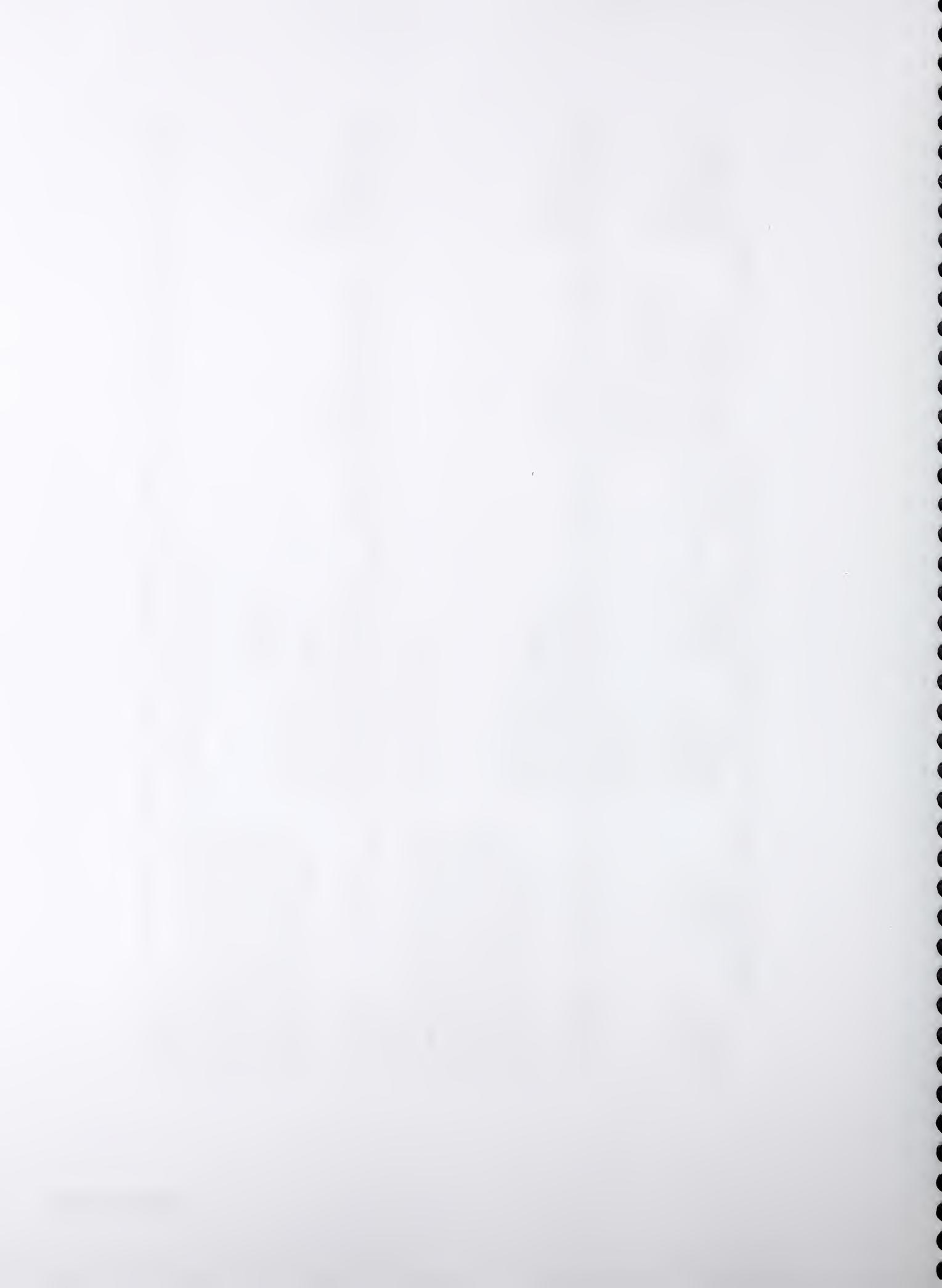
Chronology of Berriman McLaughlin Land Transactions (plus Associated Others)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Land Description</u>	<u>Comments</u>
14 Dec 1818	Scioto Co OH	Berryman McL & wife Catherine	Philip Moore	\$2,200.00	75 acres Washington Twp aligned w/ John Williamson, John Wilcoxen, Caleb Wilcoxen, John Collins	Scioto Deed Book E Page 170 FHL 292656
30 Jul 1823	Scioto Co OH	Samuel Musgrave	Berryman McL of Scioto Co OH	\$75.00	11 64/100 acres on Scioto Brush Creek sold by Wm Kendall to S Musgrave Entry No 7650 Aligned with S Musgrave land	Scioto Deed Book E Pgs 523-524 FHL 292656
1 Aug 1827	Greene Co IL	William Forest (possible relative but not my Wm)	Joseph Brown	\$150.00	80 acres	Greene Deed Book B Pgs 307-308 FHL ??
24 Oct 1827	Scioto Co OH	Berriman McL & wife Katherine	John McLaughlin & Wm McLaughlin (Berriman's sons)	\$400.00	44 70/100 acres aligned with Allen Moore part of Nathaniel Terry Patent	Scioto Deed Book F No. 1, Page 215 FHL 292656
24 Oct 1827	Scioto Co OH	John McLaughlin & Wm McLaughlin	Berriman McL	\$250.00	44 70/100 acres aligned with Allen Moore part of Nathaniel Terry Patent	Scioto Deed Book F No. 1, Page 216 FHL 292656
		Says Two Hundred Fifty dollars to be paid to John & Wm by Mar 1, 1830				
13 Jul 1830	Scioto Co OH	John McLaughlin & Wm McLaughlin	Jesse Qard, Wmp Qard, Josiah G Qard	\$250.00	24 70/100 acres aligned w/james Andres, land formerly owned by T D H Wilcoxen heirs part of Nathaniel Terry Patent	http://freepages.mysite.com/mcLaughlin/ http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/shopefamilytree/fam190.htm (accessed 30 Aug 2014)

Signed in presence of James Andres and Berriman McLaughlin [Berriman is in Pike Co IL in 1830]



Chronology of Berriman McLaughlin Land Transactions					(Plus Associated Others)	
Date	Place	Grantor	Grantee	Cost	Land Description	Comments
5 Nov 1845	Greene Co IL	Josephus McL. & wife Vilotta	Lammaia W Brydia	\$1,050.00	120 acres subject to mortgage by Moses Lemon to secure payment of note to George Woodman dated January 1842	Greene Deed Book Q Pgs 278-279 FHL?
16 Aug 1853	Greene Co IL	Hiram Holiday, Adm estate of Berryman McGlothlin deceased bidder]	Wm Wylder [highest bidder] to pay his debts	\$110.00	20 acres N1/2 NW1/4 SW1/4 S9 T10N R10W	Greene Deed Book X Pgs 196-197 FHL?
		[Names heirs: Daniel McL., Wm McL., Josephus McL., Vianna Holiday, Susan Foreman, Catharine Forest (6 children) Beryamin McL., Sarah Barnes, Herculean McL., Elizabeth Dawson, Josephus McL., Elizabeth Petty, Wm Petty, Elijah Petty, Berryman Petty, John Darrow, {10 grand children}]				
18 Sep 1854	Greene Co IL	Hiram Holiday, Adm estate of Berryman McGlothlin deceased bidder	Heirs at law of S. M. to pay his debts	\$150.25	Lots 117,118,119 in town of Greenfield	Greene Deed Book Y Pgs 114-116 FHL?
		[Names heirs: Daniel McL., Wm McL., Josephus McL., Vianna Holiday, Susan Foreman, Catharine Forest (6 children) Beryamin McL., Sarah Barnes, Herculean McL., Elizabeth Dawson, Josephus McL., Elizabeth Petty, Wm Petty, Elijah Petty, Berryman Petty, John Darrow, {10 grand children}]	(Richard M Booker)			



Greene County Court February 15th 1851

This day came before the Court Hiram Holliday and suggested that Berryman McLaughlin, late of Greene County, Illinois departed this life intestate in Greene County Illinois, on or about the 5th day of April 1850 having a personal estate in the State of Illinois.

Ordered that proof of the facts suggested be now taken, where upon Hiram Holliday made an affidavit of the facts suggested.

Ordered that said affidavit be placed on file.

Ordered that proof of the value of the personal estate of the deceased be now taken, where upon Hiram Holliday made an affidavit in which he states that, according to his judgment, and, belief the personal estate of the deceased would not exceed in value the sum of thirty dollars.

Ordered that said affidavit be placed on file.

Hiram Holliday prayed that the administration of the estate of said Berryman McLaughlin dec'd be granted to him.

Ordered that the administration of the estate of said Berryman McLaughlin dec'd be granted to Hiram Holliday, on his entering into bond with security according to law, in the penal sum of two hundred dollars whereupon he executed a bond accordingly and gave R M Booker as his security, which bond so executed was approved.

Ordered that said bond be recorded and placed on file.

Ordered that Hiram Holliday now take the oath required by law as such administrator whereupon, Hiram Holiday made an affidavit in which he embraced the required oath.

Ordered that such affidavit be placed on file.

Ordered that three lawful men be appointed to appraise the personal property of the said deceased whereupon _____ were appointed such appraisers and a warrant of appraisal issued to them accordingly.

\$4.15 paid for various court costs

M. S. Link⁶⁴

Transcribed 26 March 2015 by Patricia Craig Johnson, 4th great granddaughter of Berriman McLaughlin. §§



Greene County Court May 6th 1851

This day came Hiram Holliday Adm of the estate of Berryman McLaughlin, Dec'd and presented an inventory of the real personal estate of the dec'd, also an appraise bill and sale bill of the personal property of the same.

From said inventory it appears that the deceased had at the time of decease N1/2 NW1/4, Sec 9, T10N & 4 lots No 117, 118,119 in the town of Greenfield, Title supposed to be good -- worth

\$200.00

Also one note in hand on Isaac Taylor -	good	\$23.50
" " " " " Hiram Holliday - "		\$35.00
" " demand in the State of Indiana	able amt --	<u>\$22.00</u>
		\$80.50

Ordered that said inventory be placed on file

From said appraisement bill, it appears that the personal property of the dec'd was appraised to the sum of four dollars & forty cents.

Ordered that said appraisement bill be filed

From the said sale bill it appears that the personal property of the dec'd was sold for the sum of two dollars and seventy cents

\$2.70

Ordered that the said sale bill be placed on file.

M S Link⁶⁵

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Greene County Court May 23rd 1853

This day came Hiram Holliday Adm of the estate of Berryman McLaughlin, Dec'd and presented his report of the sale of the real estate of said dec'd made under an order of the Circuit Court of Greene County Illinois, from which report it appears that the real estate of said deceased was sold for the sum of \$260.25

Ordered that said report be filed⁶⁶

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* August Term 1854

Came Hiram Holliday, administrator of the estate of Berryman McLaughlin dec'd and presented an inventory of receipts by him as such as follows to wit:

Amt for house rent for 1852

\$39.25

Amt rec'd from Indiana after payment of funeral expenses

\$32.13

The said inventory was examined

Ordered that the same be filed⁶⁷

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Note: These four documents are all I found in the probate records for Greene County Illinois that pertained to Berriman McLaughlin. The heirs are mentioned in the two land deeds that sold his real estate. Patj



Daniel McLaughlin (1797-1889) and Elizabeth Utt

Daniel McLaughlin was born 10 September 1797 in Hampshire County, Virginia.⁶⁸ Daniel, the oldest child of Berriman McLaughlin would see many moves in his lifetime. His parents were children of the American Revolution and joined their generation of restless and moving people who were always looking forward to new opportunities. Our country was only sixteen years old when he was born. He lived until 11 September 1889, he died in western Illinois in Scott County.⁶⁹ He lived for ninety two years and one day.⁷⁰ He was named Daniel after his father's father.⁷¹

Daniel married Elizabeth Utt in Scioto County, Ohio on 1 May 1817.⁷² They were married seventy one years until Elizabeth died 7 May 1888.⁷³ Elizabeth was born in Ohio.⁷⁴

"Daniel McLaughlin emigrated early in life to Ohio, where he was married and prosecuted farming for a time, then coming to Illinois settled in that part of Morgan County which is now Scott. His pioneer experience was similar to that of hundreds of others during which time he labored and waited and met with his reward. Five sons and three daughters gathered around the family hearthstone, seven of whom were born in the Buckeye State."⁷⁵

Elizabeth Utt was the daughter of Henry Utt and he gave consent for her marriage to Daniel McLaughlin on 01 May 1817 in Scioto County, Ohio.⁷⁶

Daniel McLaughlin and Elizabeth Utt were the parents of eight children.⁷⁷ Sons were Henry, John, William, Isaac D. and Daniel (died before 1850 census). Daughters were Catherine, Elbina, and Levice (died 1844 age 10).⁷⁸



John McLaughlin (1799-1849) and (1st Wife) and (Verlinda Wilcoxon)

The second child in the family was John McLaughlin. He died in 1849 at the young age of fifty.⁷⁹ His wife, Verlinda Wilcoxon died in 1835.⁸⁰ I believe she died in Morgan County, Illinois because her husband and his four children were living alone there on the 1835 Illinois State Census.⁸¹ The death record of Sarah McLaughlin Barnes, oldest child of John, states she had been in Illinois seventy one years in 1902 when she died.⁸² This estimates the date the family came to Illinois to be 1831.⁸³

I found an old newspaper article published in 1841 Morgan County, Illinois.⁸⁴ It was a notice of John McLaughlin filing a petition concerning the estate of his father-in-law, John Wilcoxon. It mentioned only two of his children, Elizabeth and Hercules, both listed as infant heirs of Verlinda McLaughlin.⁸⁵ Infant merely means they were under age twenty one. It sent me on a search to find out more about Elizabeth and Hercules. The two older children, Sarah and Barry man, were obviously not heirs of Verlinda as they would have been mentioned, being ages nineteen and seventeen respectively. This indicates that John McLaughlin was married first to an unknown (by me) lady. I have not found John's first marriage in Ohio.

In trying to pin down the ages of these four children, I checked all censuses for them to try to draw a conclusion about their birth order.

Sarah, daughter of John and his first wife, married Squire Barnes.⁸⁶ When I found Sarah and Squire Barnes in the 1870 Scott County, Illinois, there were two McLaughlins living with them. Sarah age eight and John age 6.⁸⁷

My question immediately was, *who are these two children?* It would seem logical that they were the children of a brother, but whom? I had investigated Hercules and had his children figured out, that only left Barryman as the father of the children living with his sister Sarah McLaughlin Barnes. The book by Steven K McLaughlin, *The McLaughlins*, didn't know that Barryman had any children, it only said Barryman was killed in a fight in 1867 and his widow (unnamed) married Andy Lawson.⁸⁸

With that bit of information I found Barryman married Nancy E. Swearingen in 1857.⁸⁹ It now seemed perfectly logical that the two children would be Barryman's. Many mysteries came into the picture. Yes, Mrs. Emeline McLaughlin married Andrew Lawson in 1869 in Morgan County, Illinois.⁹⁰ In



1870 Emeline Lawson was in the household of Andrew Lawson,⁹¹ but not her children, they were in the household of Sarah McLaughlin Barnes.⁹²

In 1880 Sarah (age 8 in 1870) was married to Andrew Moore and her sixteen year old brother, John, is living with that couple as Andrew's brother-in-law.⁹³

I still didn't know for sure that they were Barryman's children. But when I found Sarah McLaughlin Moore's memorial on Find A Grave it said she died in 1939.⁹⁴ I searched Familysearch.org and found Illinois Deaths 1916-1947. There was her death certificate and it said her father was *Berryman Mcglacin* and her mother *Emma Swangaim*.⁹⁵ Yes, terribly misspelled, but I know it is Barryman McLaughlin and Emeline Swearingen. These are indexed records and the handwriting was probably poor for the indexer's input, but I know what the names are. Thank goodness the informant on the death certificate knew enough about her parents to get it close.

Things I will probably never know – did Emeline leave her children with her sister-in-law because her second husband didn't want them in the house? Andrew Lawson was twenty years older than Emeline, so maybe that was the problem. Or maybe they were just visiting their Aunt Sarah when the census taker called. They counted everyone in the house on that day. It does sort of indicate that the children were on their own because in 1880 sixteen year old John was living with his newly married sister and her husband.⁹⁶

I now know what happened to young John McLaughlin. In preparing for my trip to Illinois in July 2015, I discovered a John McLaughlin buried in Youngblood Cemetery in Morgan County.⁹⁷ He fit the age that the son of Barryman would be. That small voice that has helped me so many times said, "This is the son of Barryman." I checked him on several censuses and he always reported that his mother was born in Tennessee, which is correct for Barryman's wife Emeline Swearingen.⁹⁸ On my trip I went to the Morgan County courthouse and bought his death certificate. Yes, his father was Barryman and his mother was Emeline.⁹⁹ I am happy to have connected Barryman McLaughlin (1826-1867)¹⁰⁰ to his two children after these many years. What happened to Nancy Emeline Swearingen McLaughlin Lawson after Andrew Lawson died is another mystery.

Because of this research project I have come to the conclusion that John McLaughlin was married to another unknown woman. His children, Sarah and Barryman, were both born before he married Verlinda Wilcoxon.¹⁰¹ I could accept one child born before the marriage, but not two, and the petition filed in 1841 only mentioned Hercules and Elizabeth as infant heirs of Verlinda Wilcoxon McLaughlin.¹⁰² Both Sarah and Barryman were still minors (under age 21).



Other McLaughlin researchers have overlooked this set of facts and list Sarah and Barryman as children of Verlinda. Verlinda was the only mother they ever knew so maybe it is not important to their descendants. But as a genealogist I like to get the story correct. Perhaps the real reason for my investigation of the McLaughlins for this book is to find new information and share it.

Unfortunately, John McLaughlin and Verlinda Wilcoxon both died early and their histories have been lost to time. John was one of five McLaughlin children that died before their parents.

The children of John McLaughlin and his first wife are:

- 1) Sarah McLaughlin (1822-1902)¹⁰³ married to Squire Barnes 13 Aug 1840.¹⁰⁴
- 2) Barryman McLaughlin (1824- 1867)¹⁰⁵ married to Nancy E. Swearingen 8 Sep 1857.¹⁰⁶

The children of John McLaughlin and Verlinda Wilcoxon are:

- 3) Hercules (aka Harkness) McLaughlin (1826- 1874)¹⁰⁷ married 1st Emeline Masters 26 Dec 1844 and 2nd Mary Jane Long 28 Jan 1847.¹⁰⁸
- 4) Elizabeth McLaughlin (1827-1890)¹⁰⁹ married James A Dawson 14 Jan 1844.¹¹⁰

Verlinda Wilcoxon was the daughter of John Wilcoxon and Ruth (Wilcoxon) Wilcoxon.¹¹¹ She married John McLaughlin in Scioto County, Ohio on 8 Sep 1825.¹¹²



Baby Girl McLaughlin (1800-18??)

How I wish I could find a trace of this little girl. The only evidence that she existed is her appearance on the Butler County, Pennsylvania 1800 Census. She was listed as less than age ten. Her known older brother, John, was born in 1799 and her known younger brother, William, was born in 1801. This only leaves 1800 for her birth. She must have died by the time, or shortly thereafter, that the family moved to Ohio as she is not there with them in the next census of her father, in 1820.¹¹³

The region at that time, in both Pennsylvania and Ohio, was very rugged, and primitive. Vital records are not available. I am sure her name would be the first name of her mother's mother and that would be a great clue in the mystery of Catharine's family. The McLaughlins seemed to follow the naming patterns that were popular and expected at that time. The next daughter is Mary and that is Berriman's mother's name. The second daughter was usually the father's mother's name.

So, I must be content to have found that this little girl existed at all.



William McLaughlin (1801-1875) and Mary Ann Landers

The book *The McLaughlins* is a wonderful study of the descendants of Daniel McLaughlin and Rachel Disbury. It surely took many years of research and work to complete. In a work of this scale there are bound to be errors, and that certainly does not detract from the value. We should verify facts if it is our family in question. The family of William McLaughlin and Mary Ann Landers is one that has some misinformation, and I hope to clear some of that up as I write what I have found about this family.

Perhaps the biggest discovery is that William was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, not in Pennsylvania. He believed he was born in Pennsylvania and that was reported to the census takers throughout his life. It is strange to contradict the actual person involved, but the Hampshire County Births clearly says, "William McLaughlin born 21 December 1801 to Berriman McLaughlin and Caroline French."¹¹⁴ Yes, his parents were living in Butler County Pennsylvania at that time, but apparently they were on a trip back to their home county when William was born. All of his life he believed he was born in Pennsylvania.

The next discovery was that William's wife, Mary Ann's maiden name was Landers. Their Ohio marriage document says Mary Ann Landers¹¹⁵. Other researchers knew she was not married as MaryAnn Perrin, but seemed to dismiss the name as a case of "someone knew her name was really Perrin." I am not sure how that came about, but I believe her maiden name is actually Landers as written on the marriage record.

This is especially compelling when I find an Adam Landers living in Scioto County, Ohio with a daughter the age of Mary Ann in 1820.¹¹⁶ Adam Landers was living next door to Daniel McLaughlin, William's brother.¹¹⁷ Mary Ann married William McLaughlin on 26 Jan 1826 in Scioto County, Ohio.¹¹⁸ The fact that Mary Ann named her first son Adam¹¹⁹ pretty well convinces me that her maiden name is Landers, not Perrin. There may be Perrins in her family history, as she named her last son John Perrin McLaughlin,¹²⁰ but that does not indicate Perrin as her maiden name.

Later I discovered that the Mary Jane McLaughlin that was born in 1849, and married John Cumby, was not William's daughter¹²¹ as stated in the McLaughlin book, but his granddaughter. She was the daughter of Adam McLaughlin.¹²² In 1909 Mary Cumby and Florence McLaughlin filed a lawsuit against their brothers, William L, Daniel H, John P, Henry T, and Frederick R. disputing the land transactions of their father Adam McLaughlin.¹²³ These land transactions gave land to the sons of Adam McLaughlin. The lawsuit was heard in the Illinois Supreme Court in October 1909.¹²⁴ The land transactions of Adam



McLaughlin were upheld by the Illinois Supreme Court.¹²⁵ It surely caused a tremendous split in the family relations of Adam's children. In a dispute between the parents years before the daughters had sided with their mother and the sons sided with their father.¹²⁶ It clearly proves Mary Jane McLaughlin Cumby was William's granddaughter not his daughter.

The next discovery was that William and Mary Ann McLaughlin did not have daughters names Cornelia and Emma. In both 1850¹²⁷ and 1860¹²⁸, there are no children named Cornelia or Emma in the household and they would have been at home in those years.

William and Mary Ann Landers McLaughlin had the following children: Adam (1828-1907); Isaac (1829-1893); Daniel (1833-1889); Eliza (1835-?); Angeline (1842-1922); John Perrin (1847-1917); Mary E. (1849-?).¹²⁹

Mary Ann Landers McLaughlin died 4 Jan 1865¹³⁰ in Scott County, Illinois. She is buried in Glasgow Cemetery in Scott County. Her husband, William remarried in Dec 1865 to Susan McGlasson McEvers Stearns on 7 Dec 1865 in Morgan County, Illinois.¹³¹ In 1870 William McLaughlin was living in Scott County, Illinois at T13 R12. There is a little girl, Luella McLaughlin age seven living with him. No other people are in the household. In 1880 Susan McLaughlin was living in Bloomington, Scott County, Illinois with her daughter Lois McEvers Peterson.¹³² She was listed as a widow.

William McLaughlin died 21 Dec 1875 in Milmine, Piatt County, Illinois.¹³³ He is buried in Bement Cemetery, Piatt County, Illinois.¹³⁴

The study of this family was very interesting and I enjoyed the discoveries and facts lost so many years ago.



Isaac McLaughlin (1805-184?) and Angelina Smith

One of the reasons I find the children of Berriman McLaughlin so interesting is that they lived at a time of our country when records were very scarce. This requires some extra special research and analysis to put their lives in a somewhat correct light. Isaac McLaughlin and Angelina Smith are perfect examples of this.

Isaac, the fourth son,¹³⁵ was born while Berriman and Catharine were living in Butler County, Pennsylvania. The western part of Pennsylvania was opening up to settlement after the American Revolution. The new United States of America was beginning to move the population west. The land was inexpensive, and a perfect opportunity for young men, like Berriman McLaughlin to get a start in life.

Isaac was born about 1805.¹³⁶ He married Angeline Smith in Scioto County, Ohio on October 21, 1831.¹³⁷ Isaac died before 1850 as he is not alive in that census. Isaac is another one of the McLaughlin children that predeceased Berriman and Catharine. A most interesting remembrance of Isaac was found in the writings of his cousin William Gilbert Lafayette McLaughlin.¹³⁸

“Isaac McLaughlin came out to Scott County, Ill. and taught school on the George Holloway place. Isaac’s wife was Angeline Smith of Portsmouth, Ohio, he and his wife lived in Scott County several years. He was elected County Surveyor and plotted that portion of Winchester, known as McLaughlin addition to the city..... During Isaac’s residence in Scott., Ill. his father and other brothers and sisters, came out to Scott County from Ohio. After a short time Isaac returned to Ohio, where he died and was buried at Old Town. I was at his grave in 1850, and saw his widow, who was living in Portsmouth, Ohio. She was a sister to Alfred Smith.....”¹³⁹

Isaac McLaughlin had one son, Josephus McLaughlin.¹⁴⁰ Other researchers stated that there were no known children of Isaac and Angeline McLaughlin. However, when Berriman McLaughlin’s intestate probate case was settled in 1853, Josephus was listed as the heir of Isaac.¹⁴¹

In Scott County, Illinois, a Josephus McLaughlin married an Eliza Jane McLaughlin on February 4, 1855.¹⁴² The only other Josephus McLaughlin in Scott County was Berriman and Catherine’s son born in 1820. He could not have been this Josephus so it is reasonable that it was Isaac’s son that married Eliza Jane McLaughlin.

On the 1855 Illinois State Census for Scott County, there appears Josephus McLaughlin, age 20-30 and a female age 10-20. He is living next door to William McLaughlin on this census.¹⁴³ William McLaughlin had a daughter named Eliza Jane, born 1835, who would be age 20 in 1855.¹⁴⁴

After exhaustive research I have concluded that Eliza Jane McLaughlin married Josephus McLaughlin, despite being first cousins. William McLaughlin seemed to help his daughters when they married, and provide a place to live to get started in life. This was evidenced in 1860 when William's daughter Angeline was living next door to William with her new husband John Vedder.¹⁴⁵ This adds to the theory that Eliza Jane was William's daughter. I find no trace of Josephus and Eliza Jane in 1860.

On May 4, 1865 an Eliza Jane McLaughlin married Campbell Young, in Scott County, Illinois.¹⁴⁶ It is probable that this is the daughter of William McLaughlin, and Josephus is no longer alive, or at least not married to Eliza any longer. By December 25, 1875 Eliza Jane is deceased and Campbell Young married for the fourth time to Elizabeth Rhoades.¹⁴⁷

Eliza Jane McLaughlin Young had two sons, John V. Young born 1866¹⁴⁸ and Campbell Young, Jr. born 1870.¹⁴⁹

Perhaps the future will tell the final story of Josephus McLaughlin, son of Isaac McLaughlin and Angeline Smith.

(Author's Note) All of the children of Berriman McLaughlin have been very interesting to study. The case of Isaac McLaughlin and his son, Josephus, was an especially intriguing project. It consumed a great deal of research time and analysis time. I finally had to let go of Isaac's life and finish writing his story. It is tempting to continue studying this family, guessing about them, and wondering about them, but time marches on and I have to settle for what I have found.

Patj, December 2014



Mary McLaughlin (1807-183x) and John Vastine

The oldest daughter of Berriman and Catherine French McLaughlin to survive to adulthood was Mary. No doubt named for Berriman's mother, Mary Key McLaughlin. Mary was born after her parents moved to Jefferson/Harrison Counties, Ohio.¹⁵⁰

She lived a relatively short life, dying *before* 9 March 1837.¹⁵¹ I suspect she died in childbirth or shortly thereafter.

Mary McLaughlin married John Vastine, Jr. in Scioto County, Ohio on April 13, 1826.¹⁵² From this record I estimated that she may have been born about 1806 if she were married at age 20.

Her daughter, and only child, Vianna Vastine, was born about 1829.¹⁵³ She is listed as age twelve on March 29, 1841 when her paternal grandfather's estate was probated in Scioto County, Ohio.¹⁵⁴ This record also stated that Vianna was living with her maternal grandfather, Berriman McLaughlin in Illinois.¹⁵⁵ This is the last record of Mary's daughter, Vianna.

Mary's husband, John Vastine, Jr., married his second wife, Massey Noel on March 9, 1837.¹⁵⁶ They had two daughters in 1839 and 1840.¹⁵⁷ One of those little girls was named, Vianna Melissa. I found it unusual to name a child the same name as another living child.

Although Mary McLaughlin lived a short life, her story is interesting. Her story is also sad. It illustrates how fragile life was in the early years of our history. Life was especially fragile for young women of child bearing age.



Elizabeth McLaughlin (c.1809-1847)

Elisha Petty and Lyman B Darrow

Elizabeth McLaughlin was born c.1809.¹⁵⁸ Her birth year is estimated from the fact that she married Elisha Petty 26 June 1831,¹⁵⁹ and if she were age twenty two, she would be born about 1809. There is no hard evidence of her birth, and considering the time and that it was in early Ohio, it is understandable. Her parents, Berriman and Catherine McLaughlin migrated to western Illinois when she was a young girl. They lived first in Pike County, Illinois¹⁶⁰ and this is where she met and married Elisha Petty.

She and Elisha were the parents of seven children, Elijah, William, Berriman, Milton, Josephus, George and Elizabeth.¹⁶¹ Elijah Petty was Elizabeth's first child born in 1832.¹⁶² Her husband, Elisha Petty died in 1843¹⁶³, meaning Elizabeth had the other six children between 1832 and 1843.

The children of Elisha and Elizabeth McLaughlin Petty were: Elijah born 16 Aug 1832; William born 6 March 1834; Berriman born 4 April 1835; Milton born 13 November 1836; Joseph W. born 27 September 1838; George B. born 20 June 1840; Elizabeth born 29 June 1842.¹⁶⁴

After Elisha died in 1843 at the age of forty¹⁶⁵ Elizabeth McLaughlin Petty married Lyman B. Darrow on 7 November 1844 in Pike County, Illinois.¹⁶⁶ She died in 1847¹⁶⁷ after giving birth to her eighth child, Asa Darrow in January 1847.¹⁶⁸ After careful analysis of indirect evidence I conclude Elizabeth died in January 1847.

In 1854, the probate case for Elizabeth's father stated that Elizabeth Petty, William Petty, Elijah Petty, Berryman Petty and John Doir were minors, and heirs of Elizabeth Petty.¹⁶⁹ I have since found that this probate record is in error as far as the heirs of Elizabeth McLaughlin Petty Darrow is concerned. Her son with Lyman B. Darrow is Asa not John.¹⁷⁰ Lyman did have a son named John, but with this second wife, Mrs. Roseann Berry, not Elizabeth McLaughlin.¹⁷¹

Because of this error, my confidence in the accuracy of the probate case of Berriman McLaughlin (1776-1850) was seriously tarnished. I believe it cannot be a true list of heirs and wonder if the family of Elizabeth McLaughlin Petty Darrow was not well known by her siblings and thus not known by the probate court.



For me, the discovery of Asa as her child is when the mystery of Elizabeth McLaughlin started. The intestate probate case for Elizabeth's father, Berriman McLaughlin, states that there were five heirs of Elizabeth Petty.¹⁷² One of those heirs was listed as John Doir. And like so many others, I too thought this was surely right as the probate court is typically very thorough.

I started looking for a John Darrow in 1850 in that area of western Illinois, and didn't find a John Darrow at all. I found Lyman B. Darrow living as a single man on a farm in someone else's household. No Darrow children were there with him. Next, in 1860, I did find a John Darrow, son of Lyman B. Darrow but his mother was Lyman's second wife, Mrs. Roseann Berry. So I was faced with a new mystery to solve. In 1850, Mrs. Roseann Berry was living in Pike County, Illinois with her four Berry children, and a little boy named Asa Darrah, age three.¹⁷³ Now my focus shifted to Asa as the son of Elizabeth McLaughlin Petty and Lyman B. Darrow.

After the death of their mother, Elizabeth's Petty children were scattered among other families in Pike County, Illinois. I found her daughter, Elizabeth Petty, in 1850 living with the John Sitton family.¹⁷⁴ I found her sons, William and George Petty, in 1850 living with their uncle, Jethro Petty.¹⁷⁵ I found her son, Elijah Petty, in 1850 living with Johnathan Miller.¹⁷⁶ It is probably safe to assume that Berryman, Milton and Joseph have died by 1850, except that Berryman was mentioned in the 1854 probate case as an heir of his mother.¹⁷⁷ Later, I found her son, George Petty registering for the Civil War in 1861.¹⁷⁸

The story of Elizabeth McLaughlin has developed into a very interesting project. I have not found all of the answers I would like to have found, but I do believe I have a good picture of the fragmented family that she left behind when she died in 1847.¹⁷⁹ The Pike County history states that three Petty children lived to maturity.¹⁸⁰ Asa Allen Darrow lived to maturity as well.¹⁸¹ Following is a recap of the children that I do know about.

The oldest child of Elizabeth McLaughlin was Elijah Petty, born in 1832.¹⁸² According to the county history of Pike County, Illinois, he was a successful farmer and inherited his share of his father's homestead at about the age of 21. He bought the interests of his siblings in the property and began farming in earnest. In 1855 he married Louisa Miller, and had six children. In 1850 Elijah was living in the household of Johnathan Miller, father of his future wife, Louisa.¹⁸³ Louisa died in 1871¹⁸⁴ and Elijah then married Martha Townsend¹⁸⁵ and had another six children. He was a well respected citizen of Pike County, Illinois



all of his life. Elijah Petty died January 2, 1910, he was buried in Petty Cemetery, Atlas, Pike County, Illinois.¹⁸⁶

The next child was William Petty, born March 6, 1834.¹⁸⁷ William Petty married Armilda Starr November 1, 1855 in Pike County, Illinois.¹⁸⁸ In 1850, after both of his parents were deceased, he and his brother George were living with his uncle Jethro Petty, in Pike County, Illinois. They were all living in the household of Clement Lippencott.¹⁸⁹ In the 1860 census, William was married to Armilda and had two sons, John age 2, and William age 1/12 months. The family was in Atlas, Pike County, Illinois.¹⁹⁰ In 1870, Armilda was the head of household and she had three sons, John age 12, William age 10, and George age 8.¹⁹¹ William Petty, the father, died April 17, 1863 and is buried in Petty Cemetery, Atlas, Pike County, Illinois.¹⁹² Armilda remarried in April 1873 to P. S. Veghte.¹⁹³ The two younger sons of William and Armilda Petty were living with their uncle Elijah in 1880.¹⁹⁴

Berriman Petty, was born April 4, 1835.¹⁹⁵ No information about this son of Elizabeth McLaughlin Petty indicates that he reached the age of maturity. He was referred to as Benjamin in the Pike county history¹⁹⁶ and in the bounty land claim for his father's Blackhawk War service.¹⁹⁷ But he was rightfully called Berriman in his grandfather's probate case in 1854.¹⁹⁸ It is easy to mistake the name Benjamin for the name Berriman. It makes sense that Elizabeth would name a son after her father. It is probable that Berriman did not live to adulthood as there are no records for him after the probate case in 1854.¹⁹⁹

The next child was Milton Petty, born November 13, 1836.²⁰⁰ Like his brother, Berriman, there are no records to indicate he reached the age of maturity.

The next child was Josephus W. Petty, born September 27, 1838.²⁰¹ The fifth son of Elizabeth McLaughlin son did not live until adulthood. The only record of him is in the Pike county history²⁰² and the bounty land claim for his father's Blackhawk War service.²⁰³

The next child was George B. Petty born June 20, 1840.²⁰⁴ George B Petty served in the Civil War in Company B, 28th Illinois Infantry.²⁰⁵ On 1 April 1876 his widow, Eliza, filed for a Civil War widow's pension for his service.²⁰⁶ This indicates George died about that time, possibly early in 1876.²⁰⁷ George married Eliza Jane Craig on 7 June 1864 in Pike County, Illinois.²⁰⁸ Eliza Craig Petty was deceased by 1880 as the four children of this marriage were scattered throughout Pike County, Illinois.



George and Eliza had three sons and one daughter. They were Elijah C Petty (1867-1967),²⁰⁹ Ina Louise Petty Wheeler Olson Anderson (1869-1936),²¹⁰ George William Petty (1872-1934)²¹¹, and James Newton Petty (1874-1960).²¹² The three sons never married, and lived together in the latter years of their lives. They are all buried in Summer Hill Cemetery in Summer Hill, Pike County, Illinois.²¹³ Ina Louise Petty married William Harrow Wheeler in Colorado Springs, Colorado on 21 December 1893.²¹⁴

In 1880 the four children were living in various households. Elijah C. was living with his uncle Elijah,²¹⁵ Ina Louise was living with a couple named Stebbins,²¹⁶ George William was living with his maternal aunt, Julia Craig Moore and her husband Marcellus,²¹⁷ James Newton was living with his maternal grandmother Mary Craig.²¹⁸ I see in so many of these early families of both parents dying and children being scattered among other families. I always wonder how these children survived the stress of losing parents and being separated from their siblings.

George Petty's daughter Ina Louise led an interesting life. In Colorado Springs, Colorado she married William Harrow Wheeler on 21 December 1893.²¹⁹ They had two daughters, Helen B. and Louise B.²²⁰ The Wheelers moved often due to William working for the railroad. William died on 1 November 1915 in El Paso, Texas.²²¹ On 14 July 1919, Ina L. Olson legally adopted James Homer Olson.²²² In 1920 Ina was listed as Ina L Wheeler and young James Olson age 11, was with her in El Paso, Texas. It is her death certificate that is the saddest part of her story. She died as Ina L. Wheeler Anderson on 14 May 1936 in El Paso, Texas.²²³ She was on "relief" and the informant was the Old Age Commission, El Paso, Texas.²²⁴ Ina was buried at McGill Pauper Cemetery, also known as Restlawn County Cemetery.²²⁵ She does have a simple marker on her gravesite. I try not to judge our ancestors, but I have to wonder about her having two daughters and an adopted son that all outlived her not coming to her assistance in her last days. May she rest in peace after the many trials and tribulations she endured from the small girl orphaned in Illinois to the final days in El Paso Texas. I have not found out Mr. Olson or Mr. Anderson's first names.

The next child was Elizabeth Petty, born June 29, 1842.²²⁶ There are no records for her after the 1850 census when she was living with a couple in Pike County, Illinois names John and Mary Sitton.²²⁷ I have found no connection of the Sitton's to the Petty family. Little Elizabeth was not found in the 1860 census with

the Sittons or anyone else. Elizabeth, the daughter, is estimated to have died 1850-1860.

Elizabeth Mc Laughlin's youngest child was Asa Allen Darrow born January 17, 1847.²²⁸ She married his father, Lyman B. Darrow, on 7 November 1844 in Pike County, Illinois.²²⁹ Asa's tombstone inscription says that his birth date is 17 Jan 1847, but if his mother died in 1846 that would be impossible. So upon analyzing the indirect data I conclude that Elizabeth McLaughlin Petty Darrow died in January 1847 shortly after, Asa's birth. Asa was age 3 in 1850, age 12 in 1860, age 22 in 1870, age 32 in 1880, age 51 in 1900, age 63 in 1910, age 73 in 1920.²³⁰ I thought about the possibility of Rose Ann Berry Darrow being Asa's mother, but Asa said on several censuses that his mother was born in Ohio.²³¹ Rose Ann Berry Darrow was born in Virginia²³² and always stated that on censuses. Elizabeth McLaughlin was born in Scioto County, Ohio. From this data I conclude that Asa A Darrow knew who his mother was and where she was born. Perhaps what he didn't know was exactly when he was born – or the correct death date for his mother. The published date is off by one year and she died in 1847 not 1846.

Asa Allen Darrow married first to Martha J Ogle on 5 February 1871.²³³ She died 16 December 1872.²³⁴ Martha was buried in Prairie Mound Cemetery, New Hartford, Pike County, Illinois.²³⁵

Asa Allen Darrow married second, Mary Jane Varner on 28 August 1873.²³⁶ Mary died before 1900.²³⁷

Asa was the father of John Darrow (May 1873);²³⁸ Mary;²³⁹ Sarah;²⁴⁰ Charley (1877);²⁴¹ Katherine (1881);²⁴² and Dollie (1887).²⁴³

Asa Allen Darrow died 17 May 1922 in Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois. He was reported as age 77.²⁴⁴ His story is a good example of perseverance and going forward with life despite a rocky start. He was the kind of person that tells a strong story of survival.

In closing, although living a short life, Elizabeth McLaughlin Petty Darrow left an important and abundant progeny. Four of her children lived to maturity, having 24 grandchildren that inherited her strength and courage. I have enjoyed getting to know her through my research.



Vianner McLaughlin (1810-1890)
Thomas DeWitt and Hiram Holliday

The seventh child of Berriman McLaughlin to live to adulthood was Vianner McLaughlin.²⁴⁵ She was born 4 August 1810 in Scioto County, Ohio.²⁴⁶ She came to western Illinois with her parents before 1820.²⁴⁷ The first name Vianner is a favorite McLaughlin name for females. Berriman had a sister named, Vianner McLaughlin.

On 4 June 1830 Vianner McLaughlin and Thomas Monroe DeWitt took out a marriage license in Pike County, Illinois, but it was never returned recording a marriage date.²⁴⁸ Two children were born to this marriage. Thomas DeWitt died before Sep 1838.²⁴⁹ Daniel Genoa DeWitt was born 29 Jun 1832²⁵⁰ and Zerilda DeWitt was born c. 1835 if she were age twenty when married.²⁵¹

Daniel Genoa DeWitt married at least twice, first to Mary Susan Brown on 17 December 1854 in Greene County, Illinois.²⁵² His second wife was Martha Virginia Booker and they married 25 March 1885 in Macoupin County, Illinois.²⁵³ Daniel died February 1903 in the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home, Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.²⁵⁴ He had two children, Josephine and William.²⁵⁵

Zerilda DeWitt married Jacob Noel in Greene County, Illinois on 15 April 1855.²⁵⁶ They had nine children, Daniel, Edward, Laurilla, Effie, Minnie, Albert, George, Orville and Ida.²⁵⁷

On 21 September 1839, in Scott County, Illinois, Vianner married second to Adolphus Hiram Holliday and they had four children.²⁵⁸ Hiram had been married two times prior to his marriage to Vianner. First to Agnes Lemon²⁵⁹ and they had eleven children.²⁶⁰ Second he was married to Harriett Lugg.²⁶¹

In 1862, at age sixty-eight, Hiram Holliday enlisted in the Civil War. He did this to take the place of his son, John Roger Holliday. It wasn't unusual for someone to substitute for another man, but it was unusual for a man of sixty-eight to do so. Hiram was at Shiloh and was captured at Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee on 6 April 1862 by the Confederates. He eventually ended up at Camp Oglethorpe in Macon County, Georgia in a prisoner of war camp. He died there of disease on 24 August 1862.²⁶²

Vianner and Hiram's children were:

- 1) George Washington Holliday was born 23 August 1840²⁶³ and died 31 May 1917.²⁶⁴ He and his wife, Mary Gray had four children, Fred, Effie, Fannie and Maude.²⁶⁵

2) Katherine E Holliday Wilson Quigley was born 28 October 1842²⁶⁶ and died 18 May 1921.²⁶⁷ She did not have children.

3) Mary Jane Holliday Woolum was born 22 November 1844²⁶⁸ and died 26 March 1924.²⁶⁹ She and Thomas E. Woolum had four children, Nellie V., Thomas E., Katie M., and Charles.²⁷⁰

4) Sarah Jane Holliday Ritchie was born 26 October 1847²⁷¹ and died 30 June 1910.²⁷² She and Frederick Barnard Ritchie had one child, John Hiram Ritchie.

After her husband's death in the Civil War Vianner McLaughlin Holliday lived with her daughter Katherine Holliday Wilson and her husband David Wilson. Vianner died on 15 March 1890 in Greenfield, Greene County, Illinois.²⁷³ She is buried in Rubicon Cemetery, Greenfield, Greene County, Illinois.²⁷⁴ She had twenty grandchildren. I visited her grave when I was in Greene County, Illinois in June/July 2015.

From the banks of the Scioto River in Ohio to the Mississippi Valley in western Illinois this lady lived an active and interesting life.



Sarah McLaughlin (1811-1831 and William Foreman

Sarah McLaughlin married William Foreman about June 1830 in Pike County, Illinois.²⁷⁵ Sarah was the youngest of five children that pre-deceased the parents, Berriman and Catherine French McLaughlin. By July of 1831 her husband, William, married her next younger sister, Susan.²⁷⁶

It is quite likely that Sarah died in childbirth and if a child survived, there is no record of it. Sarah is another example of the dangers of child birth in this early time in our history.

I am grateful someone knew of Sarah's marriage to William Foreman and entered it into the International Genealogical Index. Otherwise she would have been lost to history.



Susan McLaughlin (1813-1874) and William Foreman

Susan McLaughlin was the ninth child of Berriman to live to adulthood. She was born c. 1813 in Scioto County, Ohio.²⁷⁷ She died 27 June 1874 in Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County, California.²⁷⁸

Susan married William Foreman on July 31, 1831 in Pike County, Illinois.²⁷⁹ William had married her next older sister, Sarah, the year before²⁸⁰ and Sarah died within a year.

William and Susan remained in Pike County, Illinois until after 1840 when they were still living in Pike County.²⁸¹ On January 1, 1850 they had moved to Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.²⁸² By that time they were the parents of seven children.²⁸³ Their seventh child, George Washington Foreman, was born in Texas according to the US Federal Census records. He was born about 1844.²⁸⁴ Susan and William were apparently moving from place to place trying to find a place to settle. Their eighth child, Margaret Ann was born in July 1850 on the Old Spanish Trail near the California-Nevada border.²⁸⁵ After living in Los Angeles, Susan and William were on the move again, to where I have no idea except perhaps the mines in Nevada.

In 1860 they seem well settled in Santa Cruz, California.²⁸⁶ Susan had four more children in Santa Cruz and died there at age sixty-one.²⁸⁷ Her husband had preceded her in death on 19 December 1861.²⁸⁸ They are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Santa Cruz.²⁸⁹

Susan McLaughlin and William Foreman's children were: Stephen (1834); Mary (1836); Elizabeth (1838); Sarah (1840); Isaac (1842); George (1846); Margaret (1850); Samuel (1853); Josephine (1856); Evelyn (1861); Effie (1862).²⁹⁰

The last child, Effie, was born after her father died in December 1861.²⁹¹ Susan not only had a house full of children to support, she was also pregnant with her last child when her husband died.

Most of Berriman and Catharine's children stayed in the western Illinois area for a few generations before migrating elsewhere. I would venture to say that Susan had inherited a bit of wanderlust from her father. She certainly did inherit a McLaughlin like toughness from both of her parents.



Catherine McLaughlin (1817-1904) and William Forrest (1811-1892)

Catherine McLaughlin was the seventh daughter of Berriman and Catharine McLaughlin.²⁹² She was the sixth daughter to reach adulthood. She is my third great grandmother. She was the mother of Margaret Forrest Cary, grandmother of Francis Marion Cary, great grandmother of Ralph O Cary and 2nd great grandmother of Dorothy O Cary.²⁹³ She was one of the first ancestors that I learned about when I started delving into family history. My great aunt, Esther Cary Chisolm, gave me so much information on this side of my family and, of course, Catharine McLaughlin was in that information. Little by little I discovered her family and have been intrigued by them ever since.

Catherine was born 17 April 1817 in Scioto County, Ohio.²⁹⁴ She was next to the last of the many children of Berriman McLaughlin. She died in Wapello County, Iowa on 4 February 1904.²⁹⁵ She married William A Forrest on 7 September 1837 in Morgan County, Illinois.²⁹⁶ By 1845 Catherine and William had moved to Wapello County, Iowa, where they remained the rest of their lives.²⁹⁷

For years I tried to find the names of her parents. Finally by process of elimination I knew it had to be Berriman McLaughlin and his wife Catharine. I finally found direct evidence in the intestate probate record of Berriman that listed all of his living heirs in 1853 and heirs of the children that had deceased.²⁹⁸ It clearly stated that Catherine Forrest was his heir. This eliminated any doubt about my conclusion of earlier.

Her husband, William A. Forrest, was born 12 March 1811 in Chautauqua County, New York²⁹⁹ and died 21 April 1892 in Wapello County, Iowa.³⁰⁰ He was the son of Thomas Forrest and Margaret Brannan.³⁰¹

I was so fortunate to learn about a collection of Forrest records that are at the Kansas Historical Society in Topeka, Kansas. It is the collection of Lillian Forrest of Jewell County, Kansas. I called and the man that answered was so helpful in telling most of what was in the collection and offering to copy it for me. This is where I learned William's mother's maiden name.³⁰² Among the items in this collection was a biography of William's nephew, Rev Joseph Forrest.

In it is a letter stating that "Uncle William Forrest of Agency, Iowa gathered food and seed and supplies to relieve the Jewell Co KS people of the grasshopper scourge in 1874."³⁰³

Catherine McLaughlin and William Forrest had nine children. The oldest three were born in Illinois before they moved to Iowa.



James B. Forrest, Born 5 August 1838, Married 17 August 1865 to Anna E. Hayes,
Died 16 March 1881³⁰⁴

Mary Ann Forrest, Born 21 July 1840, Married 22 September 1863 to James A.
Lively, Died 16 March 1866.³⁰⁵

Susan Forrest, Born 10 December 1842, Married 23 November 1862 to Henry
Fischer, Died 11 October 1907.³⁰⁶

John T. Forrest, Born 22 September 1845, Married 17 January 1871 to Elvira Alice
Whitman, Married 16 August 1882 to Laura Ruckman, Died 30 June
1907.³⁰⁷

Daniel W. Forrest, Born 7 February 1848, Never Married, Died 9 August 1892.³⁰⁸

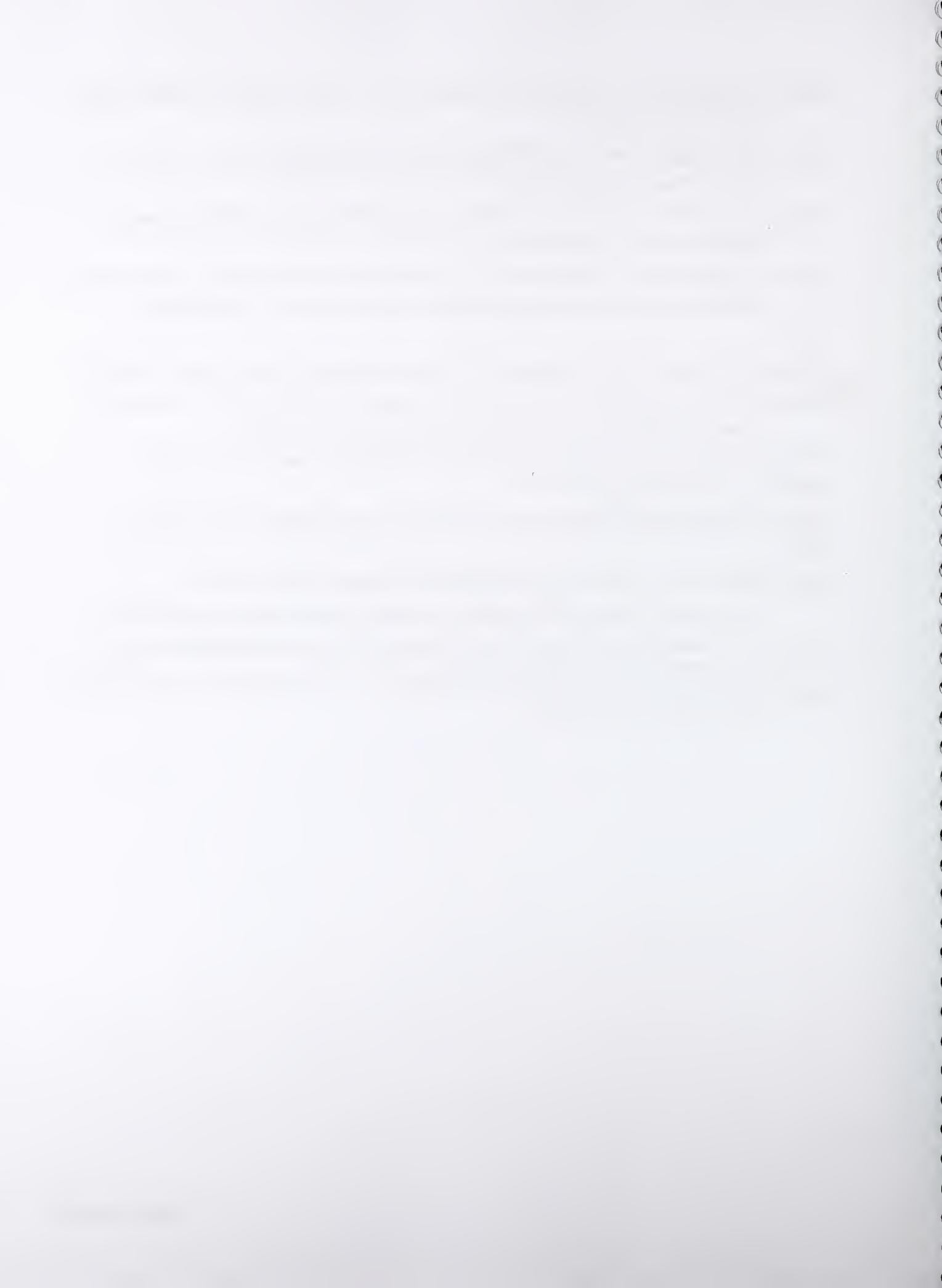
★Margaret M. Forrest (my third great grandmother) Born 4 May 1850, Married 29
December 1869 to Ezra Cary, Died 26 September 1927.³⁰⁹

Sarah Elizabeth Forrest, Born 30 April 1853, Married 2 June 1872 to John
Sturgeon, Died August 1942.³¹⁰

Nancy Catherine Forrest, Born 30 April 1853, Never Married, Died 10 May
1889.³¹¹

Ellen Forrest, Born 6 July 1857, Never Married, Died 4 April 1911.³¹²

As I studied Catherine McLaughlin Forrest I came to know a strong and
wise lady. I am so proud of the way she handled the joys and tragedies of life. I
am also proud to be her third great granddaughter. I can only hope I have lived up
to her high standard and example.



Josephus McLaughlin (1820 -????) and Vilotta Peak

The youngest of Berriman and Catharine's children, Josephus, was born about 1820. By the time Josephus was age 20, he was married to Vilotta Peak daughter of Bird and Harriett Peak. They married 21 January 1840 in Scott County, Illinois.³¹³ The 1840 Scott County, Illinois census lists the young couple living next to his father, Berriman McLaughlin.³¹⁴ They were both in the 15-20 age column of that census.³¹⁵

"This indenture made and entered into this third day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five between Josephus McLaughlin & Vilotta McLaughlin his wife of the County of Greene and State of Illinois of the first part and L W Brydia of the County of Greene & State of Illinois of the second part witnesseth that the said Josephus McLaughlin & Vilotta McLaughlin his wife party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand and fifty dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby grant bargain and sell convey and confirm unto the party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever the following....one hundred and twenty acres."³¹⁶ Josephus and Vilotta had acquired ownership of this parcel of land and now was selling it.

In 1853, when the intestate probate case of his father was entered into the Greene County Court, Josephus was listed as an heir of Berriman McLaughlin, who died in April 1850.³¹⁷ In 1855, on the Illinois State Census, Josephus and Vilotta were on that census with all five of their children.³¹⁸ This is the last record of Josephus McLaughlin that I have found. From that date forward all of the records are of Vilotta. She never remarried, and she had her children with her in her many moves.

There is a good chance that the Joseph Mullen with Vilotta McLaughlin in 1850, is really Joseph McLaughlin and the census taker wrote the wrong last name.³¹⁹ After studying this census record and not able to find a Joseph Mullen in Scott County, Illinois after 1850 I suspect that this is the case.

Other researchers have published the theory that Josephus went to California during the Gold Rush and never returned. It certainly is a possibility. At any rate, Vilotta raised her children in Kansas³²⁰ and Missouri³²¹ until they reached adulthood.

In 1860, Vilotta and four of her children, Isaac (age 19), James (age 16), Sarah (age 13) and Mary J (age 10) are living in Leyar Creek, Lykins County, Kansas.³²² Her daughter, Harriett Emma (age 18), is also living in that same place with her husband James A Haggard. They were married in Scott County, Illinois on 8 April 1858.³²³

In 1870, Vilotta was living in Lyon, Knox County, Missouri with her daughter, Sarah E. and her husband John Dorman.³²⁴ Sarah E. married John Dorman on 28 December 1865 in Hancock County, Illinois.³²⁵ Vilotta's daughter, Hariett Emma, was living with her husband James A Haggard in Kansas City Ward 2, Jackson County, Missouri.³²⁶

In 1880, the only member of the family I have found is Vilotta's son, Isaac. He was living in Lake, Mono County, California with his wife Mary E.³²⁷ He was age 38. He was married to Mary E. Bowman on April 29, 1880 in Mono County, California.³²⁸

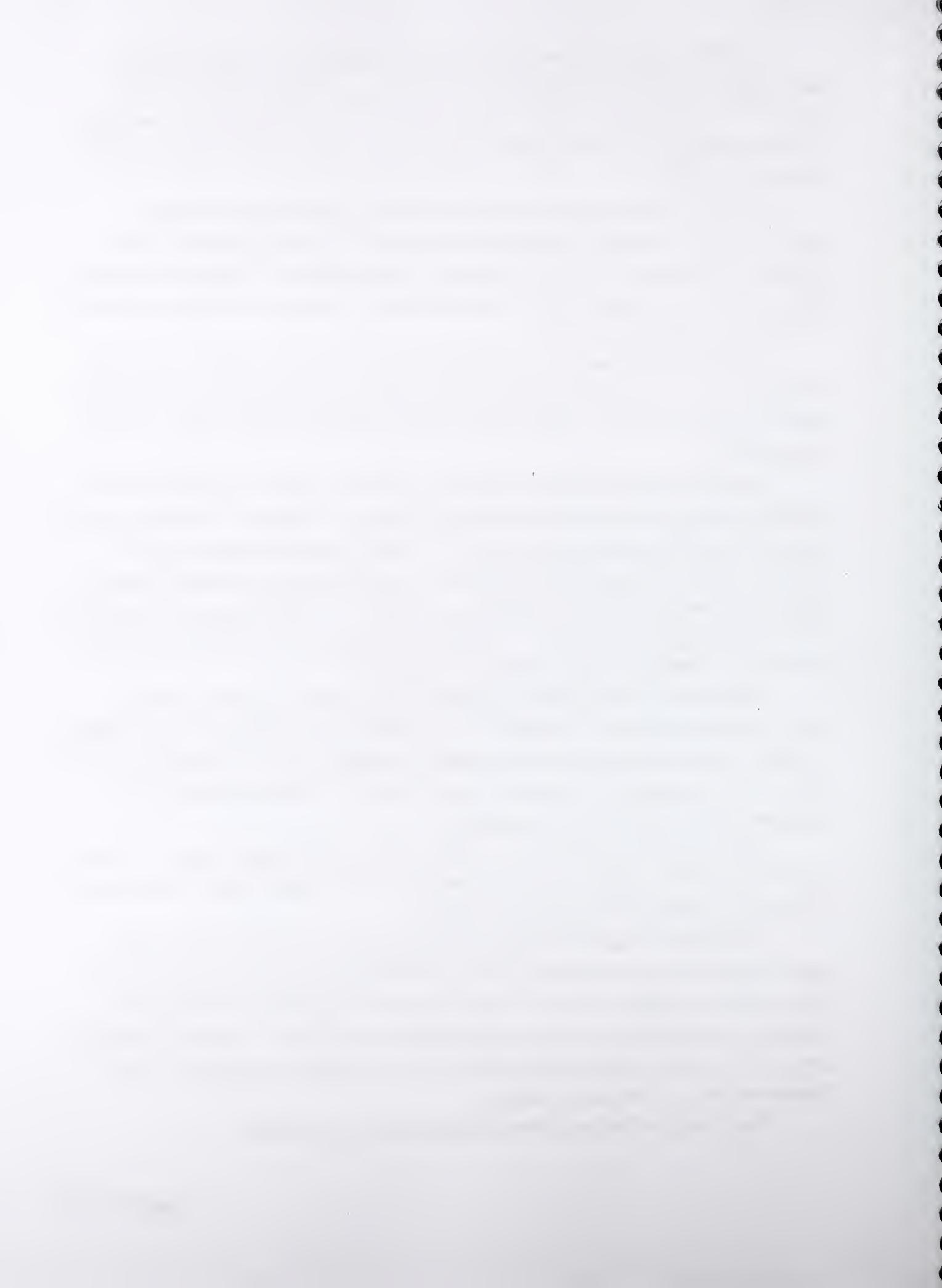
In 1900 Vilotta was living in Denver, Arapahoe County, Colorado with her daughter Sarah E, and her second husband, William A. Gilbert.³²⁹ Vilotta reported having five children and three are living.³³⁰ Sarah E reported having had no children. Vilotta's daughter Hariett Emma, was living with her husband James A Haggard in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.³³¹ Hariett reported having had four children and four are alive.³³² Per the 1870 Kansas City, Missouri census she had children: William, Ralph, Lotta, and Harriett.³³³

William G L McLaughlin stated that Vilotta died 10 September 1908 in Nucla, Montrose County, Colorado.³³⁴ This is likely true as her son in law William A. Gilbert was in Nucla, in the City Directory, listed as a painter by profession.³³⁵ This was his occupation in Denver ten years earlier.³³⁶ Vilotta lived near her daughter Sarah E Gilbert in her last years.

Sarah E. McLaughlin Dorman Gilbert died in Washington County, Oregon on 25 July 1930³³⁷ Sarah was the only member of the family that I have been able to document where and when they were born.

It would be wonderful to know what happened to Josephus McLaughlin. Many researchers have guessed that he and Vilotta divorced and that he married Eliza Jane McLaughlin in 1855. This is not true as explained in the history of Josephus McLaughlin, son of Isaac McLaughlin in this book. I tend to believe the story that he went to California and didn't return to Illinois to his family, either because of death or because of choice.

That Josephus had an interesting family there is no doubt.



Josephus McLaughlin Addendum:

On May 25, 2015 I was searching in *World Vital Records* and had a whim that led me to put Josephus McLaughlin in the search window. I didn't find anything new until I scrolled down all the way to the bottom of the results and saw his name with the location Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois. Thinking like a person that knows it all I thought, "no way is that my Josephus McLaughlin." But then upon reading the transcription of these land records in Hancock County, Illinois, there was the proof, one transaction was a land sale and his wife was Vilotta McLaughlin.

Now a brand new scenario appeared for Josephus McLaughlin. The first land transaction was dated June 1846.³³⁸ This added a whole new chapter to the story of Josephus and Vilotta McLaughlin. The interesting thing too, is that he bought these land parcels from Mormons at the time they were leaving Nauvoo for the Great Salt Lake. The grantors were Claudius V and Hiram Spencer; John and Perces Stiles.³³⁹ One grantor was James Todd, and I can't determine that he was a Mormon.³⁴⁰ At the time of the first two land transactions in June and July 1846, Josephus and Vilotta were residents of Jersey County, Illinois.³⁴¹ By the end of the land transactions in May 1850 the McLaughlins were residents of Hancock County, Illinois.³⁴²

Apparently, Josephus McLaughlin had not kept his agreement in the original land transaction and in May 1850 it looks like a foreclosure caused a commissioner's deed to be executed by the two Spencer men.³⁴³ All of these land transactions are found in Hancock County, Illinois Deed Books Q, T and Y.

In August 1850 Vilotta and their five children were living in Scott County, Illinois with Vilotta's parents.³⁴⁴ In 1855 on the Scott County Illinois state census, Josephus and Vilotta are on that census with all five of their children.³⁴⁵ This is the last record of Josephus McLaughlin that I have found. From that date forward all of the records are of Vilotta. She never remarried, and she had her children with her in her many moves until they began their own families. I hope someday to solve the mystery of Josephus McLaughlin. The hero of this story is Vilotta Peak McLaughlin. She bravely faced the challenges of raising a young family alone in a day when that was very difficult to accomplish.



Epilogue

Writing this book has been a pleasure for me. I started it because I hoped to uncover some hint of the parents of Catharine French. Sadly, I have not been successful in that quest. But the things I have discovered have been fun and hopefully answer some questions for others interested in the McLaughlin Family.

Endnotes about the people in this Epilogue can be found in their appropriate story.

Mystery Answer #1: The second child, John McLaughlin and his wife Verlinda Wilcoxon were interesting. I didn't really know much about John as he died in 1849 at a young age of fifty. His wife, Verlinda, died in 1835. I am convinced that Verlinda died in Illinois not in Ohio as other researchers have assumed. Most family researchers assumed John also died in Ohio, but now I am sure he went to western Illinois before Verlinda died. He is on the 1835 Illinois State Census alone with his four children. John's oldest child Sarah McLaughlin Barnes died in 1902 in Morgan County, Illinois. Her death entry in the death register states she had been in Illinois seventy-one years. This indicates it was 1831 when the family first came to Illinois.

It was finding an old newspaper article published in 1841 Morgan County, Illinois that started my newest interaction with John McLaughlin. It was a notice of John McLaughlin filing a petition concerning the estate of his father-in-law, John Wilcoxon. It mentioned his children, Elizabeth and Hercules, both infant heirs of Verlinda McLaughlin. This sent me on a search to find out more about Elizabeth and Hercules. The two older children, Sarah and Barryman, were not mentioned as heirs of Verlinda.

In trying to pin down the ages of John's four children, I checked all censuses for them to try to draw a conclusion about their birth order in the family.

The final conclusion is that John McLaughlin had a first wife who is the mother of the two oldest children. She is long forgotten to history. The main reason I drew that conclusion is that the two older children were born before John married Verlinda Wilcoxon. One child out of wedlock might be somewhat acceptable, but two? I don't think so.

Mystery Answer #2: Perhaps the biggest discovery is that third son, William, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia not in Pennsylvania. He believed he was born in Pennsylvania and always reported that to the census takers. It is strange to contradict the actual person involved, but the Hampshire County Births clearly says, "William McLaughlin born 21 December 1801 to Berriman McLaughlin and Caroline French." Yes, his parents were living in Butler County Pennsylvania at that time, but apparently they were on a trip back to

their home county when William was born. All of his life he believed he was born in Pennsylvania.

Mystery Answer #3: The next discovery was that William's wife, Mary Ann's maiden name was Landers. Their marriage document says Mary Ann Landers. Other researchers knew she was not married as MaryAnn Perrin, but seemed to dismiss the name as a case of "someone knew her name was really Perrin." I am not sure how that came about, but I believe her maiden name is actually Landers as clearly written on the marriage record.

Especially so when I find that an Adam Landers was living in Scioto County Ohio with a daughter the age of Mary Ann in 1820. Adam Landers was living next door to Daniel McLaughlin, William's brother. Mary Ann married William McLaughlin on 26 Jan 1826 in Scioto County, Ohio. The fact that Mary Ann named her first son Adam pretty well convinces me that her maiden name is Landers, not Perrin. There may be Perrins in her family history, as she named her last son John Perrin McLaughlin, but that does not indicate Perrin as her maiden name.

These are just a few of the interesting things I discovered and can now share with other McLaughlin descendants.

As far as Berriman McLaughlin is concerned I found that I liked the character of the man. There is so much more I would like to know about him, but for now I am satisfied that he was one of the children of Revolution that had an eye to the future.

From the beautiful hills of Hampshire County, Virginia to the rich farm land of western Illinois, Berriman moved his family from place to place. Finally they found a place that suited all of them and was home to them for many generations. Then just like the patriarch of their family, they started branching out and moving on.

Thank you for taking the time to meet this wonderful American family. I am so blessed to descend from these honorable ancestors.

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